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IS GLORY

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

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Del Atkinson and Jay Updyke, Acolytes

January 5, 1975 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Thee We Adore Peete

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Behold I make all things new, says the Lo
People: What could be better news: a truly new year, a truly new world, a truly new us. All glory and honor to God.
Choir: "Grant Me True Courage, Lord"
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

UNISON PRAYER
Almighty God, we would give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the past year. Grant us, we pray, a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all danger, and send us the fullness of your blessing; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 3:5-
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2:1-

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Choral Response Threefold A
MEDITATION One, Just One, and All Those Leftovers

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Solo Alleluia Moz
(Maurine Gminder, Soprano)

Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
Prayer of Dedication
THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (all uniting)
Remind us, Lord, of the things we mean to do
and the ways we mean to mend.
Renew in us a right spirit
for our work in the world. Amen.
BENEDICTION
Choral Response Be Known to Us

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

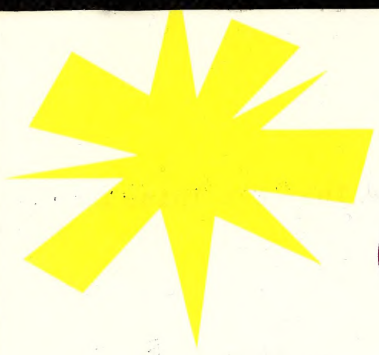
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter by Miss Marjorie Hunter, Mrs. Dorothy Walker, and Richard Hunter.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Jackie Matlock at County.

ANNUAL REPORTS from each committee, board, and organization of the church are due tomorrow morning.



GLORY

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS **January 5, 1975**

THE EPIPHANY REVEALS

Epiphany: What does it celebrate?
The *revealing* of Christ *to* the world.
Does the traditional Epiphany Story still have power to reveal?
Yes, it reveals . . .

Seekers: "wise men from the East."
We are not to survive in our own tight little boxes,
But to seek beyond ourselves and find new light appearing.

A symbol: "we have seen his star in the East."
We are not to ponder astronomical constellations,
But to proclaim him who is the light of the world.

A scoundrel: "Herod the king."
We are not to think that "light" will have no clever opposition,
But to thwart such jealous hatred with circumventing strategy.

A scripture: "so it is written by the prophet."
We are not to regard Jesus as coming from out of nowhere,
But to recognize him as a fulfilling climax to Israel's heritage.

A savior: "they saw the child."
We are not to react to him with sentimental feeling,
But to respond to this whole-making "king" with deepest joy.

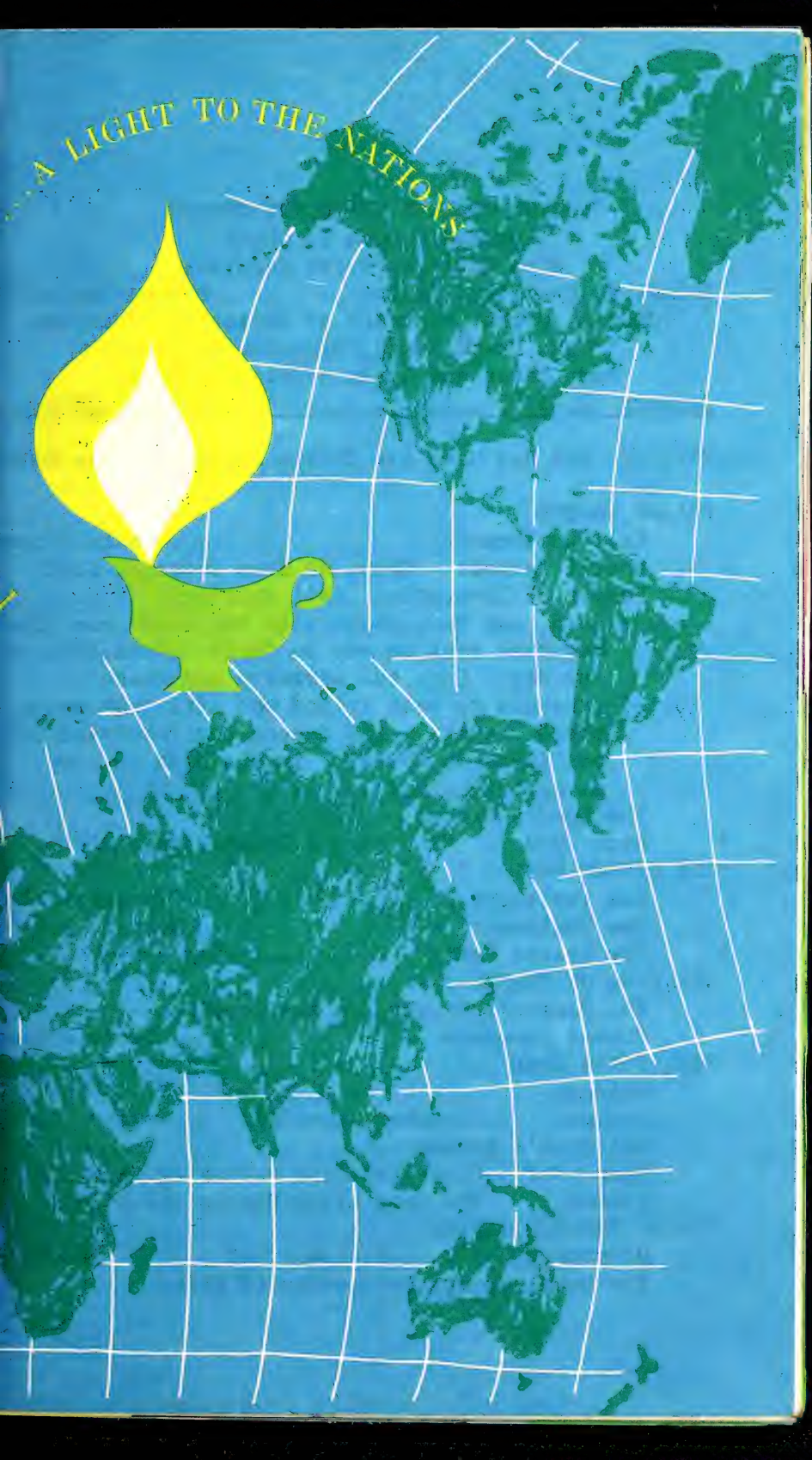
Servants: "they offered him gifts."
We are not to stop our homage with hearty, joyous words,
But to serve him with our substance in sharing his love for all.

Epiphany: an isolated celebration once a year?
No, a year-long life of letting God's revelation to the world
Be revealed in us, as seekers and servants of the Savior.

—*Paul L. Hammer*
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Theological Schools
Rochester, New York

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A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

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January 12, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE God Has Made All Things Beautiful Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Psalm 27:1-6
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lord
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Lord, our God, shape with thy hands our life together that we may be Christ's own life in our day. Give the serenity and clean strength to each friend who sits near us in these moments. And deepen thy intention for our lives in Christ. In his name we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Isaiah 42:1-8
New Testament Matthew 5:1-16
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Anthem Brother James'Air arr. Jacob
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
Sermon The Same Light Shames and Guides

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Offertory II Peeters
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"
Benediction
Choral Response "God Be With You Til We Meet Again"

*Congregation standing

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TODAY: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesday from 10:00 until 11:00. Mrs. Phyllis Young will lead this week's session.

NEW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet next Sunday Evening at 7:30 to finalize a recommendation concerning the building program. Church members are invited.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held January 26 at 7:00 p.m. All church members are urged to attend. Each of the standing committees will meet at 6:30 the same evening for organizational purposes.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The Junior Choir will rehearse on Thursday at 3:15.



A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 12, 1975**

Isaiah 42:1-7

In all things Christians are called to be "a light to the nations." We are bid to do the work and to proclaim the message of Jesus, the Light of the World. Jesus is the God-man. In him we see what full humanity can become if we walk in his light, reflect that light in word and act, and live by a hope that illuminates the path to a new future for the whole human family—a future of mercy and peace, of justice and joy.

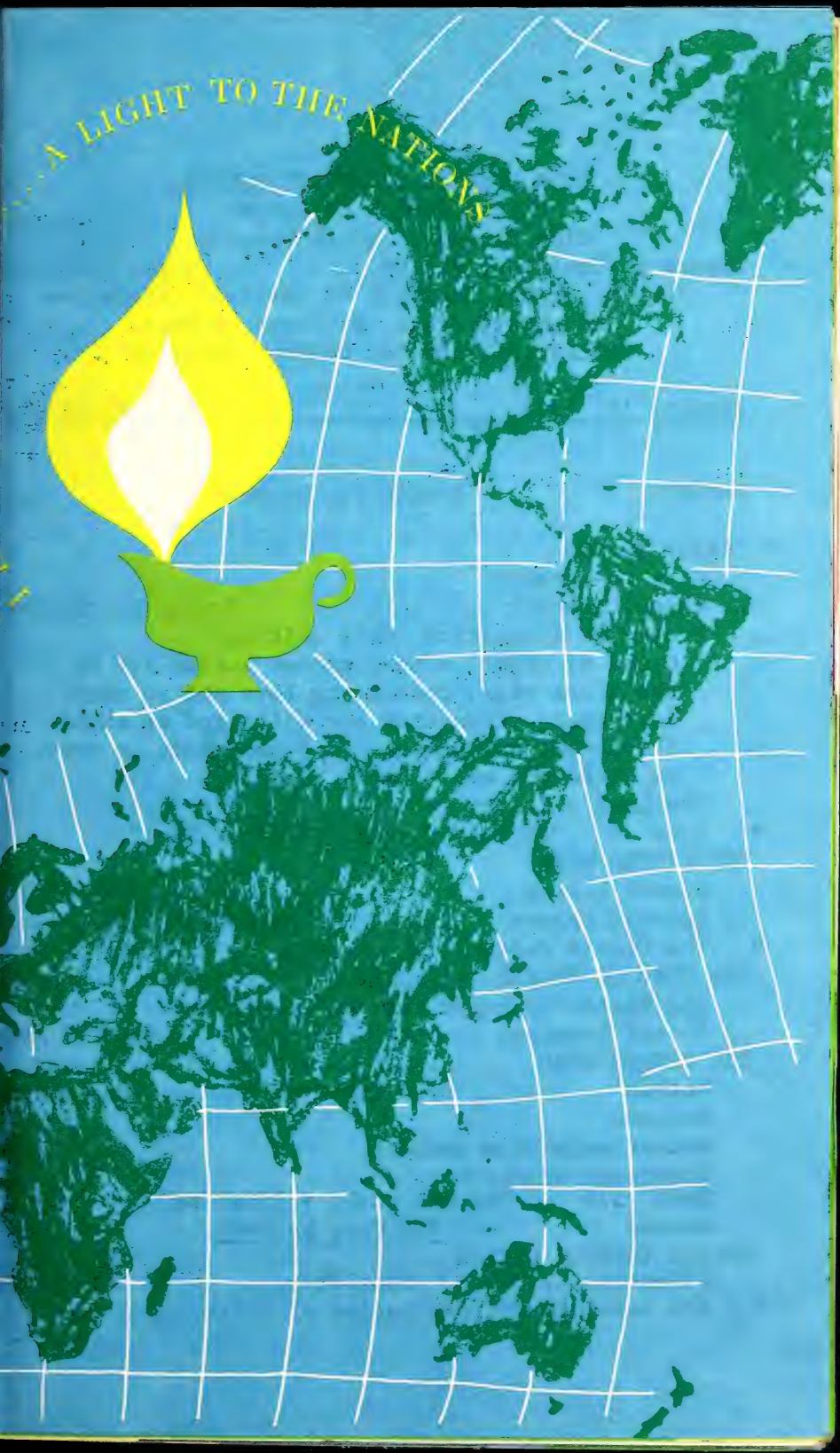
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January 19, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Praise Ye the Lord
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
O God of Light, make pure our hearts and we shall see thee; reveal thy love and we shall love thee; strengthen our wills and we shall choose thy salvation. In Jesus' name we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Lesson John 15:1-8
Epistle Lesson Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Open Our Eyes MacFarlane
Welcome
Reception of New Members
* Statement of Faith
* Hymn 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"
Sermon The Care Network

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Soliloquy Schreiner
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 273 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Benediction

Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

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ODAY:

2:00	Jr. Hi Youth go bowling
3:00	Sr. Hi Youth
3:00	Campsite Hearings at Durham UCC
6:00	Confirmation Class
7:00	Christian Education Committee
7:30	Open meeting with the Deacons

EW MEMBERS RECEIVED today are: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bland, Steve Bland, and Connie Bland, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Miss Bertha Cotten, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Huggins, Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon, Dr. and Mrs. James Moncure, Sr., James Moncure, Jr., Timothy Price, Mr. O. A. Roensch, and Mr. Martin Rose. Mrs. J. Blanton Belk is received as an Associate Member.

ONGRATULATIONS to Thomas C. Edgerton and Linda F. Jackson whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

HE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell upon the death of his brother, James Terrell, on January 15.



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Isaiah 42:1-

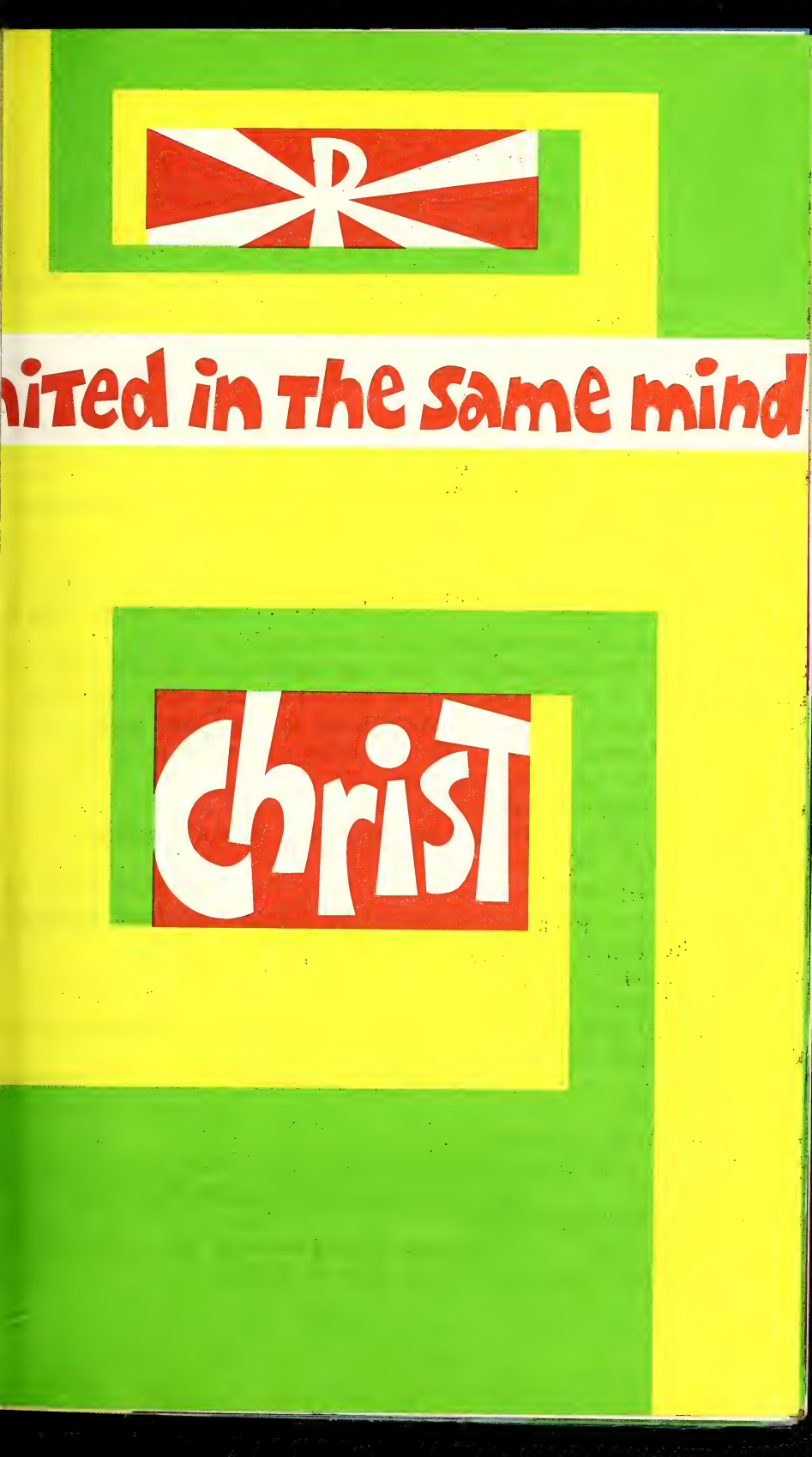
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January 26, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE My Longing Heart Kirnberger
(Jane Danieley, Guest Organist)

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Praise Ye the Lord
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Our Father, as we turn our minds and spirits to you in worship, may we be persuaded again of your presence with us, your love for us, and your guidance to us. In the name of Jesus we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:17-23
Epistle Lesson I Corinthians 1:10-17
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem O All Ye Nations Schutz
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak to me That I may Speak"
Sermon See That You Fulfill The Ministry

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio from Concerto II Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 297 "O God, Above the Drifting Years"

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Postlude Voluntary in G Heron

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E CONFIRMATION CLASS meets today at 5:00.

L STANDING COMMITTEES of the church, with the exception of the Christian Education Committee, meet this evening at 6:30 in the downstairs classrooms. Please attend.

E ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation is this evening at 7:00. Among other items you will hear a Board of Deacon recommendation that "we go forward with the building program if we can borrow the needed money". A nursery will be available.

PIES of the Annual Reports are available as you leave this morning.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Dwight Wall and Numa Franks at Memorial and George D. Colclough at Duke. The current hospital policies call for visitation by well persons of the immediate family only.



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 197
I Corinthians 1:10-1

For our Roman Catholic neighbors, this is Holy Year 1975. The periodi observance of Holy Year stems from Hebrew traditions of a Jubile Year, which came every fiftieth year in Israel. Jewish scholars an Protestant leaders are helping Catholics to observe Holy Year 1975 Such cooperation is possible because Jews, Catholics, and Protestant acknowledge common roots of faith. When St. Paul points quarreli Christians in Corinth to Jesus, he suggests that when we center our fait in Jesus' mind we Christians will draw together and attain the unit which God intends.

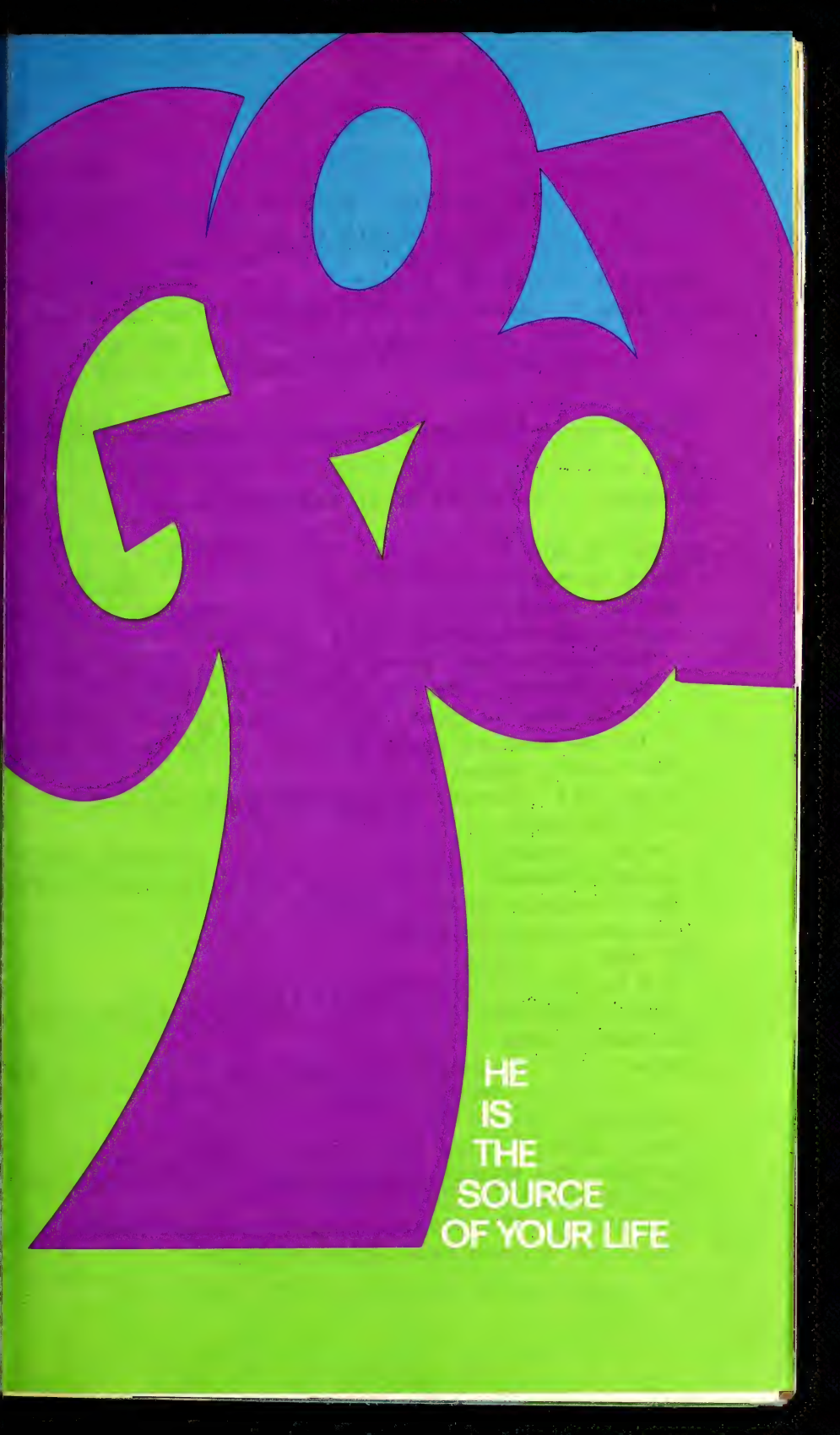
BUILDING SELF-RESPECT IN GAZA

Nearly thirty years ago, the al-Silk family lived in southern Palestin near Beersheba. Its members farmed about 500 acres of fertile land an owned a tractor and a small herd of milk cows. Then, during the fir Palestinian War, they escaped to Gaza, a coastal area then controlle by Egypt and since 1967 controlled by Israel. Like refugees of eve age they dreamed of a day when they could return to their home. Mea while, they lived in Nuseirat, a refugee camp of 17,000 people, most whom received food rations from UNRWA, the United Nations Reli and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

Currently, the al-Silk family consists of a grandmother, a fathe a mother, and eleven children, three of whom are married and who, wi their spouses and children, also share the family compound—a nin room structure with neither electricity nor running water. Muhamme the father, has worked at a succession of unskilled jobs: farm labore gardener, brick-maker. Bashir, the oldest boy still living at home, receive instruction in welding and metal work at a Vocational Training Cent sponsored by the Near East Ecumenical Committee for Palestine Ref gees (NEECPR), an organization which our United Church Board f World Ministries has assisted since its beginning. Since graduatio Bashir has been employed as a skilled worker in Israel. One daughte Na'imeh, became an expert seamstress at the Sewing Center operat by NEECPR. Another daughter, Samira, graduated from a one-ye secretarial training school sponsored by the NEECPR. The young children are all attending UNRWA schools.

In part, therefore, it has been through your continuing help ov these years that the members of the al-Silk family have become bo self-confident and self-supporting. They have been helped to gain t skills they needed to help themselves and to build a sense of self-respe

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February 2, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Glory Be To God on High Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Mr. Hamilto
Choral Introit Praise Ye the Lor
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
God our Father, grant us the ministry of thy Holy Spirit. By thy Spirit's persuasion may we be more patient, more faithful, more loving. In the name of Jesus we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 263 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-2
Epistle Lesson Ephesians 5:21-3
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
* The Statement of Faith
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lor
THE SPOKEN WORD
Solo Come Praise the Lord Bac
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
Welcome
Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
Sermon The Church Come of Age! Mr. George Jewel
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory When in the Hour of Deepest Need Bac
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 260 "The Church's One Foundation"
Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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TODAY 12:00 Worship Committee
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is administered today to Carrie Elizabeth McLelland, daughter of Captain and Mrs. David McLelland and granddaughter of Judge and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland.

CONTRIBUTIONS may be designated today for the emergency relief effort being coordinated through the Salvation Army. Families in distress need money, food, and clothing. We expect to assist in getting these resources to people in need right away.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the family upon the death of Mr. George D. Colclough on January 30. Memorial Services were held here yesterday.

OSPITALIZED: Numa Franks, Memorial; Penny Updyke, County.



THE SOURCE OF YOUR LIFE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 2, 197**

I Corinthians 1:26-3

Churches like to boast about the prominent people who are their member —if they have any to boast about: millionaires, authors, judges, mayors governors, presidents. Paul reminded the young church in Corinth tha it could boast of few scholars, noblemen, or rulers. God had chose a lowly lot to launch the Christian movement. He could do that becaus he himself intended to be the source of the church's life. That is still hi intention. No matter how lofty or lowly the members of your church take heart. God is "the source of your life."

OCCUPATIONS IN THE CHURCH

Christians use the word "vocation" in the biblical sense of a "calling. As members of Christ's body, the church, we are called to a life of servic in response to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ, his Son. Ju being a Christian is, therefore, a full-time vocation.

Within this vocation we may choose to do many different kinds work, and these are properly called occupations. If we take serious our true vocation—to respond in faith to Jesus Christ—we shall b concerned to make wise choices and decisions in our daily lives.

In choosing an occupation, have you considered an occupation the church?

The church needs the best leadership it can get. If you qualify, yo will have the opportunity to use every talent you possess and to serv the needs of all sorts and conditions of men and women. This will n only involve you with the meaning of life, but also let you express th meaning to others.

—William H. Henderson
Coordinator, Enlistment Candidates and
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February 9, 1975 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Thy Temple is an Holy One Walth

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Praise Ye the Lo
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Lord our God, at those times when the very foundations of our lives are shaken, strengthen us with the assurance that you will be with us still. In the name of Jesus we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Job 1:1-
Lesson from the New Testament Matthew 26:36-

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lo

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Muell
Welcome
Children's Sermon
Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Sermon May His Name Be Praised

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Andante Cantabile Wi
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 19 "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"
Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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ODAY: 3:00 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class

N THIS SCOUT SUNDAY, we are pleased to recognize the Boy Scouts of Troop 51 and the Cub Scouts of Pack 55. The Webelos Den, led by Andy Huggins, is assisting our ushers of the morning.

HE SEASON OF LENT begins on Wednesday of this week. Our duplicate Lenten Studies begin on Tuesday evening at 7:30 and the Wednesday session at noon. For Wednesday, please bring a sack lunch. This week's sessions, introducing the Letter to the Ephesians, will be led by our minister.

THER Last week's offering for emergency assistance amounted to $209...The Dr. John G. Truitt Administration Building at the Elon Home for Children will be dedicated next Sunday afternoon at 2:30...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 1975

Matthew 5:13-16

All the light we know comes from the sun in a variety of forms: fossil fuel, hydroelectric power, nuclear power, solar energy—except, of course, for starlight, which is the product of other suns. Jesus commissions his disciples to brighten the lives of other people. But he does more than that. He, himself, provides the light which we may gather and transmit just as we gather energy from the sun, transform it into power, and then transmit it to where it is needed. We Christians can be light for our world, bringing love, meaning, help, and joy to earth's dark places if we find our source of light in Jesus, the Light of the World.

WORK AND WITNESS IN TURKEY

Helen Morgan, principal of the American Academy for Girls at Üsküdar, Istanbul, is one of fifty missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries in Turkey today.

Ms. Morgan feels that some who question the value of mission work in secular institutions mistakenly assume that servanthood and Christian witness are mutually exclusive. "Life is a fabric—a whole piece of cloth," she says. "Our 'word' falls into place in the daily routine of living."

Helen recalls talking to a Turkish colleague. "I explained how my training and abilities had been in the field of education and language, how I had felt a call to service in Turkey where Western education was both needed and sought. As a Christian, I also felt moved to represent my faith as I believe it should be represented, to dispel, to whatever extent I could, the still prevalent idea that the cross is a symbol of crusading zeal, violence and destruction, political oppression and intrigue. I explained that the cross is rather a symbol of love—the love of God for humanity expressed through the suffering of Jesus—and of God's redemption and forgiveness of humanity."

Missionaries in Turkey, by their presence and by the witness of their work, open doors of understanding and acceptance. The results are measured in changed lives, lives more fully open to the love of God and more deeply committed to the service of people. Work and witness are thus closely related in Turkey as they are elsewhere.

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THE TREE OF LIFE

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February 16, 1975 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Maestoso for Organ Kreig

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Th
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Grant unto us, our Father, that as we wait upon thee now, we may hear and receive thy promises, and be renewed by the Holy Spirit. Through Jesu Christ whose prayer we would make our own:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 3 "God Himself is With Us"
THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Job 9,
Lesson from the New Testament Matthew 27:27-
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold An
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem For You Shall Go Out In Joy Newbu
Welcome
Children's Sermon
Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days'
Sermon He Meets Me Where I Am
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem Awake, Arise Le
(Junior Choir)
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 161 "Before the Cross of Jesus"

Benediction

Choral Response Threefold Amen

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Miss Edith Brannock. Greeters of the Day are J. Mark McAdams and Ken Harper.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, Sr. on his 82nd birthday by the W. E. Price, Jr. Family.

TODAY 3:30 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Christian Education Committee

THE CONGREGATION is invited to attend the dedication of the John G. Truitt Administration Building this afternoon at 2:30 at the Elon Home for Children.

OUR LENTEN STUDIES continue on Tuesday evening at 7:30 and at Wednesday Noon. For Wednesday please bring a sack lunch. This week's sessions will be led by Rev. Dolan Talbert on Ephesians 1:1-2:10.

AVAILABLE in the narthex are Daily Devotional Guides for March-April, Membership Directories, and copies of the Annual Reports.

DID YOU NOTICE on the narthex bulletin board the pictures of our recent class of new members?

HOSPITALIZED: John Schmidt at Memorial.



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT **February 16, 197**

LENT IS A TIME FOR OPENNESS

How shall we let the weeks of Lent become a time for us to grow
In the spirit of Christ and in his courage to meet our world?
We can open our lives to . . .

His baptism: "the Spirit of God descending like a dove."
The power of God at work in him and in us to bring peace,
Not as the absence of conflict but the presence of concord.

His temptation: "into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."
The struggle with evil for him and for us to set priorities straight
As to profits, prestige, and power in serving God alone.

His preaching: "preaching the gospel of the kingdom."
The verbal and visual proclamation in him and in us of God's reign
To challenge all self-exalting lust with his justice-bringing love.

His healing: "healing every disease and every infirmity."
The concern by him and by us for physical and psychic illness
With a compassion that cares and makes persons whole.

His teaching: "he taught them as one who had authority."
The incisive and incarnate instruction in him and in us which we imp
Not as footnotes to impress learners but as grace-notes to inspire love

His dying: "He saved others; he cannot save himself."
The utter faithfulness and self-giving caring in him and in us
Not to recoil with compromise but to risk all with courage.

His rising: "He is not here; for he has risen."
The power of God's new creation in him and in us to show the victo
Of self-giving love and God's purpose to give life forever.
May He guide our Lenten pilgrimage and give us courage!

—*Paul L. Hammer*
Professor of New Testament
Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer
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Rochester, New York

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GO FROM YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE TO THE LAND

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February 23, 1975 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Conzona for Organ Schei

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silen
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
We pray, our Father, for quiet minds and reveren hearts that we may worship worthily in the spiri of Jesus our Lord, whose prayer we would make our own:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 348 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" (st.1-
THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Job 19:1-
Lesson from the New Testament Luke 22:21-
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Am
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem My House Shall be Called of All Nations
Welcome
Children's Sermon
Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"
Sermon He Lifts The Fallen
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Our Savior, Redeemer, Creator Krei
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 302 "O Zion, Haste" (st.1,2)

Benediction

Choral Response God be with you till we meet again

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Miss Ruth Dunn. Greeters of the Day are E. S. Lankford and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Long.

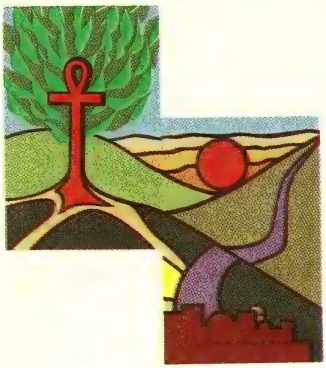
TODAY:

5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Jr. and Sr. Hi Youth
7:00 Worship Committee

A TEACHER-TRAINING WORKSHOP will be held this afternoon from 2:15 - 5:30 and Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30. Among the leaders are Rev. Rinker, Mr. Wilkins and Miss Grubb.

OUR LENTEN STUDIES continue on Tuesday evening at 7:30 and at Wednesday noon. For Wednesday please bring a sack lunch. This week's sessions will be led by Dr. Snyder on Ephesians 2:11 - 3:21.

OTHER: John Schmidt is a patient at Memorial Hospital... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... The Blue-Gold Banquet for our Cub Scout Pack will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 at McEwen...J. B. Long is a patient at Memorial.



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 23, 197

Genesis 12:1-

The world knows two kinds of nomads. Many modern nomads mov from place to place—"upward mobility" we call it—chasing the wil o'-the-wisp of luxury and status. In contrast are persons who move ou from some secure and settled place like Ur of the Chaldees, Cornwa in England, or the German Palatinate, to live as pioneers in places lik Palestine, Plymouth, and Pennsylvania. They forego security, stabilit and luxury. But they become the seed-corn of a new society. We hon them, believing they chased no will-o'-the-wisp but obeyed the will God. We seek to make their obedience and courage ours.

ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CHRISTIAN FAITH IN JAPAN

Dr. Philip Williams, professor of American Literature at North Jap College in Sendai, is a missionary of our United Church Board for Wor Ministries. For more than twenty years he has been teaching at Send and relating English and American literature to the Christian faith. "I fi this to be not only the best way to lead my students to the basic core our Western literary tradition, but also the finest opportunity one cou ask for to confront inquiring youth with the central issues of faith Dr. Williams reports.

Like the Ethiopian court functionary whose story is told in the Bib (Acts 8:26-39), many students in the New Japan are searching t writings of the world for insight into life's deepest meanings. And li Philip of old, Phil Williams stands ready to help them to understand wh they read. He points them to the biblical roots of much Western literatur *East of Eden*, for example, like *Paradise Lost*, leads to a discussion the book of Genesis and the letter to the Romans.

Classroom discussion often leads to informal discussion and study the Williamses' home and, where appropriate, to contact with local chur leaders. It is but a step from looking to the Bible for the meaning of particular piece of literature to looking at the Bible as the pillar of li In his twenty years of teaching, Phil Williams has helped many to ta that significant step. English and American literature have thus beco a doorway to the Christian faith in Japan.

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A SPRING OF WATER WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE

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March 2, 1975 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Andante for Organ Mendelsso
(Patty Loy, Guest Organist)

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Fairest Lord Jes
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
We thank thee, our Father, for faith which sustains and hope which inspires. We thank thee for the ministries of Christ which bring us nearer to thee and nearer to one another. In his name we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 581 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Job
Lesson from the New Testament Matthew 27:15

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O L

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured J. Rick
Welcome
Children's Sermon
Hymn 242 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
Sermon He Answers Life's Injustices

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory The Royal Banners Forward Go Van Hu
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 97	"God of Our Life"	
Benediction		
Choral Response	Glory to God in the Highest	
Postlude	Prelude in F Major	Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tapscott, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Sr., and Mrs. Polly T. Marino by the Family.

TODAY: 3:00 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth
6:30 Summer Program Study Committee
7:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Women's Fellowship Executive Board
7:30 Board of Deacons

OUR LENTEN STUDIES continue on Tuesday evening at 7:30 and at Wednesday noon. For Wednesday please bring a sack lunch. This week's sessions will be led by Miss Grubb on Ephesians 4:1-16.

NEXT SUNDAY: Emphasis on One Great Hour of Sharing... Following our morning worship, a congregational meeting will be held to act on the letting of contracts for the construction of new facilities...Family Night covered dish dinner begins at 5:30 with the foreign students of Elon College as our guests.

A LAB YOUTH DEMONSTRATION School will be held here Saturday from 10:30 - 2:30 for youth workers.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sumpathy to the Family upon the death of Mr. J. B. Long on February 25.



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 2, 1975
John 4:5-15

In Palestine, a wadi is a watercourse which is sunbaked and dry until seasonal rains fall. Then, wild flowers spring up along its banks. Animals drink from it and bathe in it. Soon, however, it dries up again and no longer supports life. In contrast to the wadi is a spring of flowing water. Jesus is like such a spring. His gospel refreshes minds parched by secularity. His love slakes our longing to be found worthy. His defeat of death satisfies our yearning for eternal life. Jesus is an unceasing fountain, clear, clean, refreshing. He offers unending renewal.

SOME PERSPECTIVES ON HUNGER

Next Sunday will be observed in many congregations as One Great Hour of Sharing-SOS Sunday. This is the occasion of our annual all-church offering for emergency needs and for ongoing development programs around the world through the work of our United Church Board for World Ministries. Consider these facts as you determine the appropriate measure of your response to the appeal:

- At least half of the world's 3 1/2 billion people are estimated to be malnourished, physically underdeveloped, and poorly educated; millions are under the constant threat of starvation.
- Three years ago people in underdeveloped nations were paying as much as 80% of their income for food; prices have more than tripled since then, which means that poor people are eating less and paying ...even more.
- The rising affluence of rich countries means less food for poor ones.
- The United States uses annually 3 million tons of fertilizer on lawns, golf courses, and cemeteries — enough to produce 30 million tons of food to keep several million people alive.

We live in a hungry world. We are able to alleviate much of the hunger, much of the suffering, if we will only do so. Give gratefully and generously to the OGHS-SOS offering this year, and help combat world hunger.

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IS NOT THIS THE MAN WHO USED TO SIT AND BEG?

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March 9, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Jesus Christ, the Father's Only Son Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Lord our God, grant unto us in this holy place to find the secret of your divine presence and to go from here with the assurance that you will be with us always. Amen.
* Hymn 4 "All People That on Earth do Dwell"

THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Job 31
Lesson from the New Testament Matthew 25:31-26:2

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Anthem Behold the Lamb of God Bouman
(Junior Choir)
Sermon He Challenges Our Righteous Attitudes

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem All in The April Evening
Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 268 "Lord, We Thank Thee for Our Brothers"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bayliff in memory of her mother, Mrs. Betty Reaves Bohannon.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow our Service of Worship this morning. Actions will be taken on the nominations of Mr. W. C. Perry, Jr. and Mr. Willard G. White as deacons and on the report and recommendation from the Board of Deacons in regard to the building program.

TODAY: 2:00 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth
4:30 Confirmation Class

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening. The covered dish supper will begin at 5:30. The program is to be presented by Rhonald Mukombe of Rhodesia. Other foreigh students of Elon College will be our guests. Join us, please.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP quarterly meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. The program on "Prisons and the Christian Conscience" is to be presented by Rev. Steve Caddell. All women of the church are invited.

OUR LENTEN STUDIES continue on Tuesday evening at 7:30 and at Wednesday noon. For Wednesday please bring a sack lunch. This week's sessions will be led by our Pastor on Ephesians 4:17-5:21.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Two local visually handicapped persons need transportation to Graham. Please call Mrs. Danieley.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
OGHS-SOS All-Church Offering

March 9, 1975

John 9:1-11

Light had dawned like thunder for this man born blind. He used to sit by the Temple road and beg. Now, he could see. His neighbors buzzed in disbelief. This was too good to be true — good to everyone except [illegible] healing act as a breaking of Sabbath law. They branded Jesus as godless and expelled from their synagogues the man Jesus had healed. Insensitivity to God's beckoning in human need: doesn't that reveal a fatal twilight of the soul? But to take seriously another's need: doesn't that signify that in us shines the Light of the World?

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

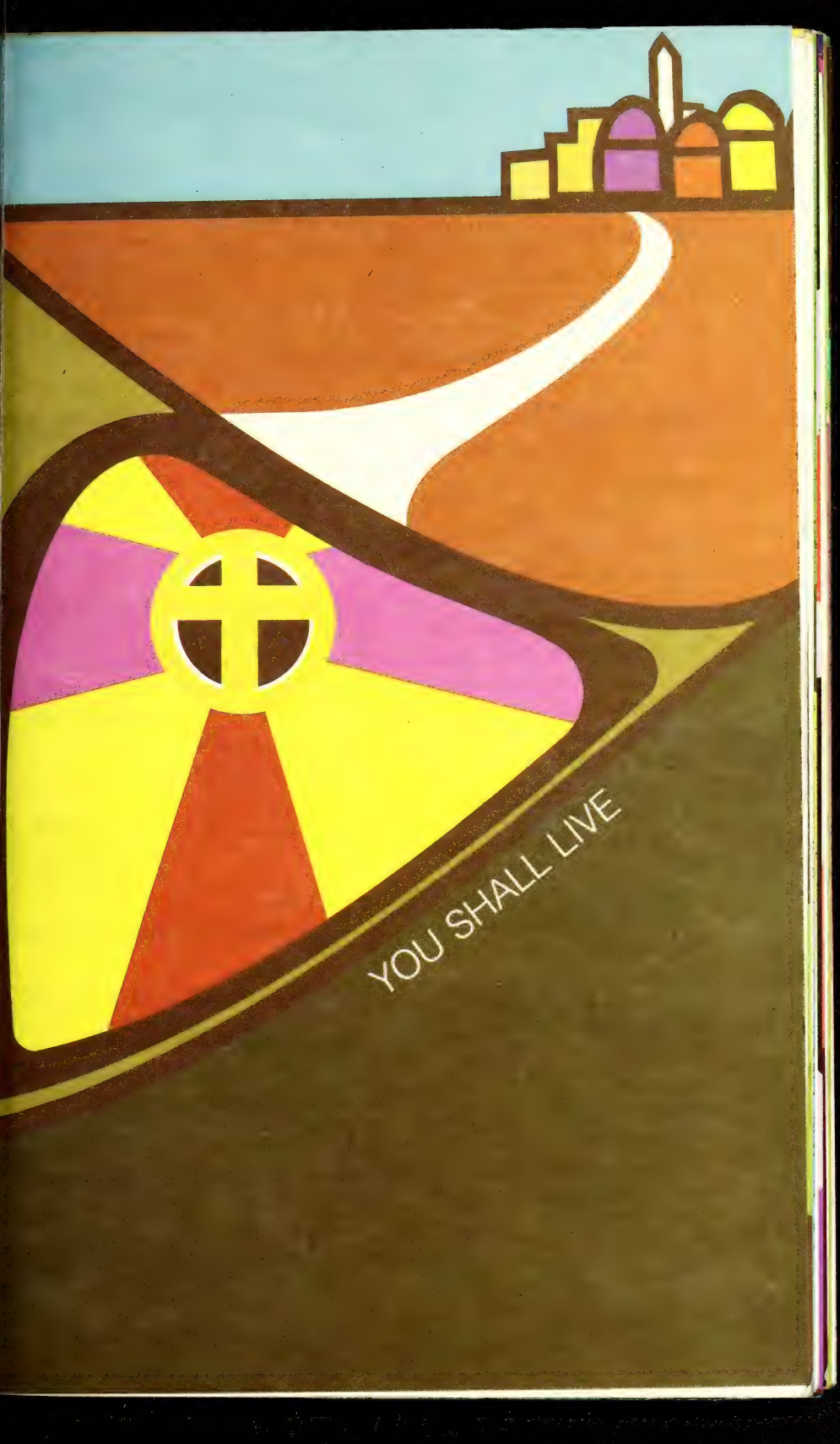
When Skylab II was circling the earth during the summer of 1973, one of the chores was photographing the earth's surface for mineral deposits. Amazingly, the photographs of northern Africa showed what appeared to be underground water sources. This part of Africa along the edge of the Sahara Desert has suffered severely from drought for five years. The possibility of hidden water sources was exciting! Before the crew of Skylab II had returned to earth, however, proof had already been obtained through independent research that water sources exist in the desert.

Church World Service helped to finance that research which proved the presence of water and is helping to finance the efforts to make the hidden water reserves available to the people.

You help to make such miracles happen because of your gifts through the One Great Hour of Sharing-SOS offering. Other miracles which you help to bring about are relief in time of disaster, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees, and numerous self-help and development projects in over sixty countries around the world.

Ms. Marilynne Hill
Secretary for Week of Compassion
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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YOU SHALL LIVE

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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Keith Lyon and Jay Updyke, Acolytes

March 16, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Allegro for Organ Walther

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Almighty God, help us to know the nearness of your loving presence. Give us quiet minds and reverent hearts that we may worship worthily in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.
* Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"

THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Job 35
Lesson from the New Testament Romans 5:6-10
THE WORD OF PRAYER Acts 20:22-24
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 172 "There Is a Green Hill Far Away"
Anthem Jesu, Word of God Incarnate Mozart
Sermon He Risks Everything

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Passiontide Chorale Willan
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Melva Foster in memory of her mother.

TODAY
2:00 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth
2:30 Cub Scout Committee
3:00 Junior Choir
7:00 Community Service Committee
7:00 Christian Education Committee
7:00 Worship Committee

A LUNCHEON for church school teachers will be held tomorrow noon in the Parish House. Please bring a sandwich. Beverage will be provided.

OUR LENTEN STUDIES continue on Tuesday evening at 7:30 and at Wednesday noon. For Wednesday please bring a sack lunch. This week's sessions will be led by our Pastor on Ephesians 5:22-6:9.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowe upon the death of Wilkes E. Lowe, III on March 14. Memorial Services will be held this afternoon at 2:00 at Rich and Thompson.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 1975

Ezekiel 37:11-14

Ezekiel assured Israel, in a day of national ruin, "You shall surely live." Jesus promised Lazarus' sisters when their brother lay gravely ill, "This illness shall not end in death." Paul described people who live by their lower nature, whose existence is lifelong dying. All three point us to God who restores moral vigor to nations in moral ruin, re-creates life when our bodies die, revives lost capacity for virtue, love, and hope. God sustains us through the years when our concern is not for our imminent death but for the quality of life.

A VISITATION-TO-NEWCOMERS MINISTRY

In Norwell, Massachusetts, members of the Congregational United Church of Christ visit each new family which moves into town. Every two weeks a retiree-member of the church visits the town hall to get the names of new families. Then a personal letter is sent inviting each family to attend the church of its choice and listing all of Norwell's churches. Within two weeks from this first contact each family is visited by a church member specially trained for the task. More than twenty-five members participate in the visitation program and the pastor makes many follow-up calls.

Visitors speak positively about all the churches in town, not merely their own. They discuss worship, education, fellowship, and service opportunities and leave attractive leaflets about the work of the church.

How measure the results of such a program? It's hard, for while there is a small but steady flow of interested newcomers who immediately respond, there are many others whose positive response is delayed — sometimes for months or years. The important thing is that our Norwell congregation, like so many of our churches, has proven to be a fellowship which cares about people. And wherever it occurs, such caring bears witness to the contagious faith of individual Christians. That's what evangelism is all about, isn't it?

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THEREFORE GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM

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Del Atkinson and Kevin Artley, Acolytes

March 23, 1975 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Piano Trio (op. 97) Beethove
(Steve Harper, violin; Micki Harper, cello,
Trelles Case, organ)

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Deck Thyself My Soul With Gladnes
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Our Father, we remember the shouts of hosanna as your Son came before the crowds. May his entrance for us be triumphant. Let fears be conquered, unbeliefs silenced, and faith quickened. Lead us to spiritual victory. Amen.

* Hymn 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the New Testament Luke 19:28-40

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Anthem Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach
Sermon He Bears Our Sorrows

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 199 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT of palms is given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family.

TODAY 4:00 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth dress rehearsal for "Jesus Christ, Superstar"

5:00 Confirmation class

OUR LENTEN STUDIES conclude this week with Tuesday evening and Wednesday noon sessions led by Dr. Alfred Hurst on Ephesians 6:10-20.

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE begins at 7:30 in the Parish House. Our young people will present "Jesus Christ, Superstar". Then at about 8:45 we will go to the sanctuary for individual celebration of the Last Supper Communion.

OTHER Cub Scout Pack 51 meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.. Please hand in your Easter Breakfast reservation today...Reservations are also due for the Spring Gathering of the Laity on April 6...Jim Lyon is a patient at Veteran's Hospital, Durham...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James Griswold upon the death of his father, J. N. Griswold, of Winston Salem, on March 17...Palm branches will be distributed following our morning worship...Congratulations to Rebecca J. Zufall and Robert E. Oakes, Jr. whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.



PALM SUNDAY

March 23, 1975
Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem fascinates us because, deep inside, we identify with Jesus and attribute to him the same royalty the palm-waving crowd attributed to him. Clearly, however, we must regard that one event in context with Jesus' whole existence: the lowliness of his birth, the simplicity of his life, the directness of his teaching, the modesty of his style, the servant character of his ministry, the utter obedience of his death. It is for all these things that "God has highly exalted him" and people, throughout all ages, have proclaimed him Lord.

THE LONELINESS OF THE WAY

Dag Hammarskjold in his book *Markings* has written, "It is not we who seek the Way, (but) the Way which seeks us. That is why you are faithful to it, even while you stand waiting, so long as you are prepared, and act the moment you are confronted by demands." He has in these words quite coincidentally characterized Jesus' position outside Jerusalem. Jesus was waiting, for what we are really not sure. The way was uncertain. Regardless, he knew he had to follow it.

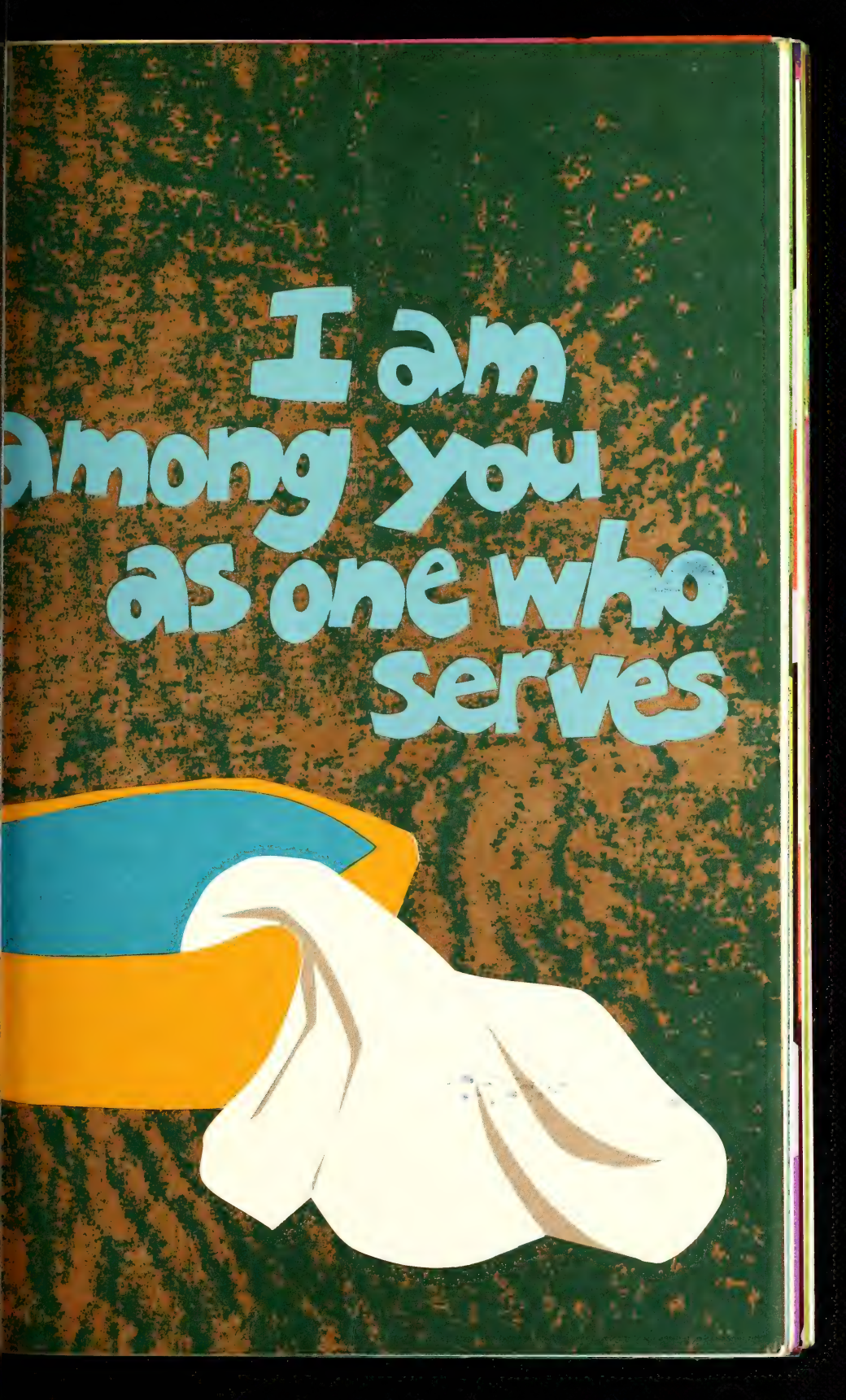
The writers of *Jesus Christ, Superstar* probably pick up this uncertainty as well as anybody has. When asked by the apostles, "When do we ride into Jerusalem?" Jesus replies, "Why should you want to know? Why are you obsessed with fighting times and fates you can't defy? If you knew the path we're riding, you'd understand it less than I."

Nevertheless, Jesus knew that the way would be lonely. Hammarskjold begins the particular vignette quoted above with the words, "For him who has responded to the call of the Way of Possibility, loneliness may be obligatory." And didn't the crowds who once waved leafy branches upon Jesus' arrival become hostile, and one by one his disciples leave him? What had begun as heralding a victory celebration became a lynching party simply because Jesus was committed to the way he had to go. There may be times when to follow in Christ's footsteps is going to be pretty lonely.

Rev. James G. Kirk, Director
Advisory Council on Discipleship and Worship
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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I am
among you
as one who
serves

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

The Ministry of Meditation

Organ Prelude

A Silent Prayer

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit. I will go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy. Amen.

New Testament Readings John 13:1-17.....Mr. Caddel

Meditation The Day of Maundy (Commandments)..Mr. Hamilto

The Ministry of Fellowship at the Lord's Table

A Hymn

Break Thou the Bread of life, dear Lord to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page. I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O Living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

onfession (all uniting)
Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess our many sins which we have committed by thought, word, and deed. We do earnestly repent. For the sake of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon.....Mr. Caddell

Upper Room Remembrance of Communion...Mr. Hamilton
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Communion

Participants may come at will to one of the communion centers. You will first receive communion and then serve communion to the next person. Following your participation, you may leave quietly or be seated for meditation.

enediction

In the strength of faith and the security of hope go forth now to witness and to serve in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen



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PUT ON THE NEW NATURE

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March 30, 1975 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Christ, the Risen Savior Willa

*PROCESSIONAL 182 "Christ The Lord is Risen Today"

INTROIT
Pastor: The Day of Resurrection dawns again, renewing God's promise of the dawn of new life.
People: God help us to rejoice and be glad, to fee the reality and wonder of the resurrection Christ is risen indeed!
Choir: "Thine Is The Glory"
READING THE EASTER EVENT Matthew 27:57-61 28: 1-10

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Anthem Lilies of the Dawn R.E. Marryott
The Pastoral Prayer
A Responsive Prayer for Easter (insert)
Choral Response
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn Tune 144 On Easter Day (insert)
Old Testament Reading Job 42:1-6,10-17
Sermon He Opens Our Eyes
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Aria for Easter Morning Maekelberghe
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 192 "The Day of Resurrection"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Marsh McLelland. Greeters of the Day are Howard Loy and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis by Mrs. Angele Avizonis.

OUR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP leaves tomorrow morning at 6:00 for Massachusetts. They will return late Sat.

THE TUESDAY CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week. Circle 5 meets with Mrs. Howard Loy and Circle 6 meets with Caroline Powell.

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY resumes its sessions this week, meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Truitt will lead this session on "James and John".

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered to Brian Mitchell Sonovick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sonovick, following our Service of Worship this morning. Members of the congregation are invited to remain.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due Tuesday morning. The church office will be closed tomorrow...Lewis Drumm is a surgical patient at St. John's Hospital, Long Island, N.Y...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Richard A. Hunter on March 23...The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday...Reservations are due today for "The Spring Gathering of the Laity" next Sunday.



EASTER SUNDAY

March 30, 1975
Colossians 3:1-11

Easter offers several perspectives on life. We look back in faith at Jesus' resurrection. We look forward in hope to new life beyond death. We look inward and around at a present existence where we are mired in sin: greed that overconsumes earth's goods, pride which thrusts injustice on the poor and the politically weak, lust for power that corrupts the state and the market. Easter brings God's call to put off our old nature and its ways of death. By the power of the risen Lord, God offers us a new nature of compassion and justice, of reconciliation and peace.

EASTER

Easter is here! What do we celebrate?
The revival of the old, which still must die?
No, the creation of the new, which lives forever.
The "immortality of the soul," which sentimentalizes death?
No, the resurrection of the dead, which conquers death forever.
The emptiness of an ancient tomb?
No, the fullness of a present Lord.
Easter is here! What shall we communicate?
Sweet talk of eggs and bunnies and butterflies in nature's rebirth?
No, the strong talk of God's creative power to make human life new.
Pretty words, "Happy Easter!" that forget Good Friday before?
No, powerful words, "He is risen!" that remember a self-giving cross.
A transient message of passing elation, here today and gone tomorrow?
No, a triumphant message of persistent love.
Easter is here! What can we contribute?
Only personal words and feelings within a church's walls?
No, public life and action to recreate a world.
Only pious thoughts and sentiments to warm our hearts?
No, piercing wisdom and deeds to share God's new creation.
Only an annual celebration on the periphery of our life?
No, a daily commitment to the risen Lord at the center of our love.

Dr. Paul L. Hammer
Professor of New Testament
Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer
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A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

PASTOR: Come, Lord, minister to us as you did the disciples.

PEOPLE: Roll back the rock from our tomb of despair.

PASTOR: As you called Mary by name that Easter morning,

PEOPLE: come and call us by name and give us new hope.

PASTOR: As you lifted the sadness from the hearts of those who were mourning,

PEOPLE: so lift our spirits.

PASTOR: The world around us reminds us of your renewing power. That which seemed dead in the cold winter seems now to come alive again.

PEOPLE: Let that remind us, Lord, that we can be renewed.

PASTOR: That which was dark and dull has color again.

PEOPLE: Let that remind us of the beauty of spirit that can come to us when we grow in your love and goodness.

PASTOR: The lilies of the altar are like trumpets announcing your living power.

PEOPLE: Let them remind us of the good news announced to us in the resurrection.

PASTOR: Lord, we are grateful for life

PEOPLE: and for the promise of life to come.

PASTOR: We praise you for showing us the kind of love that never gives up, that hopes all things, that is eternal.

PEOPLE: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you forever.

On Easter Day
Tune: Hymn 144

On Easter Day our Lord arose;
he shone with a new heavenly grace.
Hr spoke to Mary, then to all.
He rose to save the human race.

Lord Jesus, speak to us today;
impart to us your life so grand.
Enkindle in our fellowship
devotion to your holy will.

Let us rejoice this Easter Day,
our faith renewed because of you.
Our praise we sing to you, O Lord;
enable us to love, yes do.



YOU
BELIEVE IN HIM

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Mr. J. C. Dollar, Liturgist
April 6, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE When Jesus Walked on Earth Scheidt

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Christ is risen!
People: That is our conviction not only for Easter but for every day of our lives.
Pastor: Christ is risen!
People: He is alive. He is here, with us, among us, in us, and that is why we are here.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Choral Response Grant Me True Courage, Lord
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

PSALTER READING 70 Psalm 24 p. 518

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:36-49
* Gloria Patri
SERVICE OF PRAYER
Choral Invitation Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayers for the People
MEDITATION Peace Be With You

THE OFFERING
Offertory Arioso for Organ Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM God of Our Life arr. G. Lynn

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, p. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 193 "Thine Is The Glory" (st. 1,2)

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barney, Jr. in memory of their parents.

NEXT SUNDAY, you are urged to attend a "Sloans' Day" celebration at 10:30 in the Parish House. Then, following the 11:00 o'clock Service of Worship, we plan to go to the church yard for ground-breaking ceremonies.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Worden J. Updyke, Jr., on April 3.

OTHER: Circles 1-4 meet tomorrow as announced in "The Torch", except that Circle 2 meets with Mrs. W. T. Scott...John D. Schmidt is a patient at Duke Hospital.

OUR SENIOR HI YOUTH returned last evening from their trip to New England.

THE FIRST SESSION of an orientation class for new members will meet next Sunday at 9:45 in the Pastor's Study.

BELIEVE

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE **April 6, 1975**

I Peter 1:3-9

Belief in the risen Christ stirs some persons to incredulity, some to indifference, and some to trivial religion. But for a long line of the faithful, some conspicuous, some obscure, that belief inspires courage to defy corrupt rulers, work diligently for justice, endure hardship bravely, and stand up for Christ-inspired principle. Of heroic faith, they do not regard themselves to be heroes. Self-sacrificial, they do not see themselves to be martyrs. Suffering for faith, they maintain confidence in Christ's presence and "rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy."

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Experts agree that our world does not at present produce enough food to adequately feed its rapidly increasing population. Some observers have concentrated on the need to expand food production. Others have concentrated on controlling the rate of population increase. World population and world food supply are related.

Still others — women around the world — have yet to be fully heard. Until the governments of the world more adequately reflect the convictions of women, large families will continue to be seen by many men as evidence of their masculinity. Populations will continue to soar, and the starving children which result (and in marginal cultures children tend to die first) will be an accepted part of life.

Last year, a forum was held on the Role of Women in Population and Development. Leading women in public life from 110 nations attended and called for action to create full awareness of the crucial interrelationships between the status of women, population change, and overall development; to promote universal recognition of women's rights in respect to responsible parenthood; and to promote the full integration of women in the total development effort.

The United Nations has proclaimed 1975 to be International Women's Year and the theme, "Equality, Development, and Peace," will be given attention by women around the world. Watch for programs on this emphasis in your own community.

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April 13, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Living Christ Is With Us Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Let us ask the blessing of the Lord to be upon us today.
People: May the love and grace of God impel us to share the good news of His love for all people.
Unison: By the power of God, may we become channels through which His love and grace may flow.
Choir: "Praise Ye The Lord"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Acts 2:22-28
I Peter 1:17-25

ANTHEM Psalm 103 N. Cain

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Pastorale Purvis
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Help At Your Elbow

HYMN 494 "We Would Be Building"

*BENEDICTION
Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Ledbetter by the J.W. Matlock, Jr.. Family.

TODAY 2:00 Community Service Committee and adults who will be "with a child" with Mr. Dollar at the MacFarland Building.
3:00 Sr. Hi Youth meet for softball
4:30 Jr. Choir meets to rehearse "Cool In the Furnace" which will be presented at St. Mark's tonight
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Ordination Committee meets with Mrs. Fields
7:30 Board of Deacons

AN INFORMAL CEREMONY of ground-breaking will follow our Service of Worship. Let's all go to the back churchyard.

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE meets April 18-20 at Virginia Beach. Mark Rinker is our official delegate. Miss Grubb and several other members will be attending.

OTHER: The Women's Bible Study is Wednesday morning at 10:00...John Schmidt is a patient at Duke Hospital... L.R.Drumm has returned home following surgery in Long Island, N.Y...Our Pastor will be attending a camp for camp directors April 14-16.



CONFIDENCE

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

April 13, 1975
I Peter 1:17-21

People who travel by water over oceans, rivers, and canals see the anchor as a sign of that stability we gain by trust in God. We who journey airborne see the wings of a jet plane as a fit symbol of reliance on God. In a teeming, brawling, baffling world, amid swirling currents of value and opinion, while the foundations of human existence are shaking, confidence in God enables us to attain a height of perspective, find our way across life with clear direction, and maintain hope that our journey will climax in fulfillment and joy.

CONSULTATION ON CHURCH UNION

Most Christians believe that Jesus willed that his followers be one in order that "the world may believe." Visible unity is thus a vital part of the immediate but obedient witness of the Christian church.

But what kind of unity did Jesus have in mind? Since about 1900, the churches have increasingly joined together in the ecumenical movement, attempting to work and live out together the answer to this question. In 1961, at New Delhi, India, they agreed on some of the necessary elements in this needed unity. They said that the unity God wills calls for greater agreement on apostolic faith, for acceptance of each other's baptism, membership, ministry, and Lord's Supper, and for some kind of combined structure of witness and service. Unity is for the sake of Christ's mission in the world.

Church union evolved as one way to manifest this type of unity. Since 1925, 63 church unions have brought together 181 previously divided church bodies in various parts of the world; at the moment more than 30 negotiations are under way to bring together more than 100 church bodies. The Consultation on Church Union (COCU), which now includes nine denominations (yours among them), is an American expression of this movement. In the years since 1962, when COCU began, a growing number of denominations have joined the Consultation and are discovering ways of working together across racial and confessional lines. A theological consensus has begun to develop as a result. A Plan of Union and a variety of local models of union are now being perfected. Your denomination is an active participant in COCU. In the coming years we will need to decide whether we wish to manifest a greater unity in Christ with others in the "Church of Christ Uniting." Are we really "one in Christ"?

Dr. Gerald F. Moede
General Secretary
Consultation on Church Union

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DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM W. SLOAN CELEBRATION

It's fantastic! Think about it! Here we are in Elon, U.S.A. and there they are in Kitwe, Africa and yet we are all members of the same church and all dedicated to the same cause of Christ.

Bill and Bessie Sloan, though thousands of miles and several oceans away, could never be "poles apart" from us. They will ever remain close to our hearts. We could never forget nor fail to appreciate all that they have meant to our church fellowship, our college and our community. Our love and gratitude to the Sloans.

They express frequently, through their letters, an interest in and concern for our Elon College Community Church. Furthermore, they "accentuate the positive" - their very generous pecuniary offerings keep coming regularly to our church treasurer.

Today we celebrate and honor the Sloans.

For many years Dr. and Mrs. Sloan served on the faculty of Elon College. Dr. Sloan taught Religion while Mrs. Sloan was a professor of Spanish.

More than two years ago, after their retirement from the college, they began their volunteer services at Africa Literature Centre and the Ministerial Training College of the United Church of Zambia, Africa, located in Kitwe.

Kitwe has an altitude of 4,500 ft. and a year round temperature that keeps in the low eighties. Gasoline there has currently reached the high price of $1.45 per gallon and building costs have doubled since the Sloans landed. Nevertheless, they are rendering their usual fine services. Beautiful flowers are blooming in abundance.

Dr. Sloan preaches at some church almost every Sund and Mrs. Sloan preaches occasionally. She spends considerable time at the creche for babies of young mothe at the Christian home training centre.

The following quotation is taken from one of Dr. Sloan's letters: "I am trying to figure out what to preach this coming Sunday, Easter, to what is probably our most illiterate church. The church meets in a mud and waddle building the other side of the Kafue River. The latter is crossed by a hand-pulled ferry. The river is so high now that it is necessary to walk through several feet of mud and water to get onto the ferry, and the same to get off. I shall make a pretty picture next Sunday wearing a clerical collar and carrying my shoes and socks and with my trousers rolled up to my knees."

April 28, 1974, marked the 45th anniversary of Dr. Sloan's ordination and the Sloans were all set to host the staff of the Ministerial Training College and their wives at a dinner for the purpose of celebrating the occasion.

Bill and Bessie are "so enjoying" their work in Africa that they have accepted an invitation to extend their stay until April 1976. They give as one reason for staying longer "to see some building projects to completion". They state that they have guaranteed the cost of a house for a nurse for the new clinic that will serve the personnel of all the Mindolo Ecumenical campus and two neighboring schools. They also plan a library construction and the building of more residences for the married students at the seminary - hopeful that their many friends, near and far, will lend a helping hand. We also look forward to their return in April, '76. May God bless Bill and Bessie.

Elon College Community Church
Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee

OU HAVE BEEN CALLED

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Andy Baker and Tim Carroll, Acolytes

April 20, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Maestoso for Organ Walthe

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God does not tease us with visions beyond hope of our attainment. He promises to see us to that goal.
People: Without him, we could not make it. With him we shall! Praise God.
Choir: "Fairest Lord Jesus"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (st. 1-4)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Acts 1:6-14
I Peter 4:7-11
ANTHEM Come, O Thou God of Grace V. T. Ford

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 485 "This is my Father's World"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Sicilienne Bach
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Back to Basics

*HYMN 316 "God of Earth and Sea and Heaven" (Tune 13)

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. A. I. Braxton by Mrs. Braxton and Family.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Christian Education Committee

A TEACHERS' LUNCHEON for the teaching staff through the junior department will be held tomorrow at noon. Bring a sandwich; beverage will be provided.

HOSPITALIZED: Janie Updyke at Memorial.

ATTENDING the Annual Conference Meeting in Virginia Beach are Miss Grubb and Mark Rinker.

OTHER: The Nicky Cruz Crusade is April 25-27 at Memorial Gymnasium...Thursday is Cub Scout Pack Night...Family Night is next Sunday evening... April 19, 1891 - April 19, 1975 - we are 84 years young...Bible Study is Wednesday morning at 10:00... John Schmidt is recuperating at home following surgery at Duke...Daily devotions on WBBB will be led this week by our Pastor.



CALLED

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE **April 20, 1975**

I Peter 2:19-25

God calls each generation to tasks appropriate for its own time. He called First Century Christians to be like living stones, made fit by Christ's spirit and joined into a household of faith. He urged that they stand fast when fidelity brought persecution. What does God call us to do? To help persons find meaning, wholeness, and peace? To help them adopt satisfying life-styles? To work for a turnaround in the global path toward death? To nourish hope in a day of despair over human virtue and over the possibilities of human history? To what are you called?

WHEN JUNIORS ACT FOR JUSTICE

What does justice mean to fifth and sixth graders? What can such a group of children *do* in the name of justice? One answer comes from a small village church in Vermont where a vacation church-school class of juniors used the course from the United Church Curriculum, *Building Justice*. After exploring the concept of justice through the use of biblical material and of the story of Martin Luther King, Jr., the members of the class began to discuss what justice or fairness meant in their own town. While the teachers had expected that the children might focus on poverty or ecology, since this particular community had its share of poor people and a far from adequate sewage system, the children turned immediately to the situation at the local playground.

What was unfair, they said, was that boys got to use the playground more than girls, and older children more than younger ones. There were different understandings as to how many softball areas there were, who owned the property, and who was authorized to use it. So, first, the class went to the school and drew a map of the area. Then they proceeded to the town clerk's office and clarified boundaries and ownership. Next, they decided to invite the school principal to talk over the problem with them. He came, and the outcome was a new understanding of the problem and a proposal that the student council draw up some guidelines for the playground's use.

So, ten boys and girls have been helped by their church to learn that it is possible to bring off a small piece of justice by working together. And that's a lesson all of us need to remember!



YOU HAVE RECEIVED MERCY

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April 27, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chant de Mai Jongen

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Come to worship the God who is our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
People: He is our God today as well as in the past and the future. Our worship and prayers we offer in the name of Christ, the Son of God and Savior of all.
Choir: "Now let every tongue adore Thee"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Acts 6:1-7
I Peter 2:1-10

ANTHEM Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God T.T. Noble
(Maurine Gminder, Soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 317 "I Love To Tell The Story"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Priere Jongen
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON You have tasted the kindness of the Lord

*HYMN 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (st. 1-3)

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford in memory of their daughter, Marsha, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. O. Lankford.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Family Night will feature the staff of the Elon Home for Children. Dessert will follow.
8:00 Senior Hi Youth

NEXT SUNDAY, the rite of confirmation will be celebrated as our confirmation class, with other adults, will be received as members of the church. Following the Service of Worship, a brief congregational meeting will be held to reaffirm our application of a loan from the Board for Homeland Ministries.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Thomas A. Boland on April 24. Memorial Services were held here yesterday.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Bible Study is Wednesday morning at 10:00... May Fellowship Day will be held Friday at noon at the Blessed Sacrament Church...Ruth Elzey is a patient at County Hospital and Walter Smith at Memorial Hospital.



MERCY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE **April 27, 197**

I Peter 2:4-1

The prophet Hosea, married to a faithless wife, named a son Lo-ammi "Not-my-people," and a daughter, Lo-ruhamah, "No-Mercy." Despite our faithlessness, God makes us his people, rains mercy on us, and bids us to be merciful. Who is in need of such mercy? Those nearest us whom we treat with severity, can dry up emotionally in a drought o grace. Humans, brutalized by inhumane systems, need compassion as well as justice. Hungry, sick, and oppressed millions require that the church be a community which engages, unfalteringly, in deeds of love and mercy.

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR MINORITY PEOPLE

The Reverend Dr. Arthur D. Gray, minister of Park Manor Congregational United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois, and the Honorable Mary Mdiniso, first woman senator of Swaziland, a small republic in Southern Africa, have something in common — their education in institutions which are related to the United Church of Christ. Arthur Gray is a graduate of Talladega in Talladega, Alabama, one of the six colleges of the American Missionary Association which is integrally related to the United Church of Christ through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Mary Mdiniso is a graduate of Inanda Seminary, a secondary school in Durban, South Africa, largely supported by our United Church of Christ through the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Talladega and Inanda are receiving major financial help from the 17/76 Achievement Fund campaign, which is seeking to raise $17,000,000 by 1976 through "over-and-above" gifts from members of the United Church of Christ. Providing quality education for minority people all around the world is one of the ambitious goals of this campaign. Consider the need as you determine your share in the 17/76 Achievement Fund. Young men and women in the United States and around the world will show their appreciation for your efforts by achieving success in their chosen fields.

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SUFFER FOR DOING RIGHT

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Del Atkinson and Jay Updyke, Acolytes

May 4, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A minor Bach

CHORAL INTROIT Spirit of the Living God
Call to Worship
* Hymn 372 "How Firm a Foundation"

*UNISON PRAYER
Lord God, keep before us the challenge and excitement of the truth found in Christ, that all our days may be spent in preparing the way of the Lord for the coming of his kingdom and for that life which is both realized and eternal. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 119:1-16
* Gloria Patri
THE EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:17-5:2

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
THE OFFERING
Offertory Anthem With A Voice of Singing Shaw
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Imitate God

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
The Vows
*The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism

Laying on of Hands
Reception of other New Members
Congregation: Beloved, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and will give you our support in prayer and service that you may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

*HYMN 384 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response God be with you till we meet again

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook in memory of George D. Colclough, J. B. Long, Worden J. Updyke, Jr., and Thomas A. Boland.

NEW MEMBERS are received into our church fellowship today. Members of the Confirmation Class are Jane H. Alexander, Lynn F. Baxter, Patricia B. Griswold, J. Keith Lyon, Rebecca S. Mann, Reuben E. Seamster, and Earl W. Vickers, III. Ellen E. Inscoe is received by Profession of Faith, Ronald Ray Little by Baptism and Profession of Faith, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dollar by transfer from the New Hope UCC, Louisburg, N. C., Mrs. Steve Caddell by transfer from the First Congregational (UCC) Church of Spencer, Mass. The Rev. Mr. Steve Caddell is received as an Associate Member.

TODAY 6:30 Martin Luther film
6:45 Music Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to attend the Service of Marriage for E. Anne Colclough and Stephen J. Hawes on May 10 at 8:00 o'clock.



SUFFER

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE **May 4, 1975**

I Peter 3:13-18

"I Never Promised You a Rose Garden," is the title of a popular novel. It could be the title of a thesis about Christian living. False prophets have pandered the notion that Jesus offers a way to popularity, prosperity, and easy peace. Don't be misled! "Take up *your* cross," he calls. "Beware," he warns, "beware when all men speak well of you." When Christ comes, he brings conflict as often as tranquility. Not stagnant calm, but ferment marks his true church. When you pursue justice, be ready to suffer — and to find a strange joy.

WORKING DOWN ON THE FARM

Down on the farm, if you are one of the 2.6 million field workers in the United States today, life can get pretty dreary. On the average you would be making only about $1,500 a year. If everybody in your whole family worked in the fields you might make as much as $2,700. Many days, however, you would not be working, for work would simply not be available.

If you were a farm worker in the United States today, your life expectancy would be only 49 years. Your children would be more than twice as likely to die at birth, and their mother would be twice as likely to die in childbirth. The chances of your family catching influenza, pneumonia, tuberculosis, or some other infectious disease would be three times that of the national average. You would probably have gone to school only through the eighth grade. You would be lucky to have two rooms in which to lodge your family, and while you might have some electricity, you would probably not have a toilet, sink, bathtub, or shower.

Yes, the life of a farm worker can be a hard kind of life. Some improvements have been made and these have come from the efforts of many concerned groups, government agencies, church organizations such as our own United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, and private citizens, many of them farm owners and church members who know how hard life on the farm can be. In supporting their efforts you are helping to improve life for farm workers and to show that the church cares for all people.

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Keith Lyon and Kevin Artley, Acolytes
May 11, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Komm Suesser Tod J. S. Bach
(Joy Hamilton, student organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Come, let us sing; let us pray; let us be joyful in the Lord.
People: With expentancy and hope we come to seek God.
Pastor: When we find him, he will be our happiness, and we will worship and serve him the rest of our lives.
Choir: Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PSALTER READING 106 Psalm 139 p. 537

ANTHEM Praise A. Rawley

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:5-13

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" (st. 1,2)

THE OFFERING
Offertory O God, Be Merciful To Me J. S. Bach
(Jane Danieley, student organist)

Congregational Response — The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

SERMON — Dwelling Together in Unity

HYMN — "O God Who To A Loyal Home" (insert)

BENEDICTION
Choral Response — God be with you till we meet again
POSTLUDE — Toccata — Charles-Marie Widor
(Jane Danieley, student organist)

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Earl Danieley. Greeters of the Day are George Noah and R. C. Baxter.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. G. C. Crutchfield by the Family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen J. Hawes and E. Anne Colclough whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last evening.

WE ARE PLEASED and proud that the Service of Ordination into the Christian Ministry for Charles B. Terrell will be held here next Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The congregation is invited.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism will be celebrated next Sunday morning. Arrangements should be made with the Pastor early this week.

ON MAY 25, we will combine Church School and Church Worship at 9:30 in order that those who so desire also can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement. Our high school seniors will be recognized at this early Service.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.



BLESSED

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE **May 11, 1975**

I Peter 4:12-19

Trouble has many roots. We bring some suffering upon ourselves by obtuse and obdurate folly. Roman Catholic thinkers rightly speak of "invincible ignorance." We bring suffering upon ourselves and others by the evil we do. A hope here is that, in getting hurt, we may learn — and turn around. On the other hand, there is suffering thrust upon us for our faithfulness to Christ: ridicule, ostracism, and for some, prison, torture, or death. Such suffering can help to cure human folly and sin. To those whose suffering springs from this root, God says, "You are blessed!"

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

What is a Christian family? A family gathered around the table saying grace — mother, father, teenage son, and younger daughter? Or such a family walking to church? Or sitting side by side in a church pew? Perhaps you will picture your own family — married foster daughter, older son away at college, younger son and daughter busy at high school activities, visiting grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. And you may note that all sorts of individuals in all stages of being Christian make up the broader Christian family.

Think again about what makes a Christian family. A colleague describes how a childless couple, both teachers, recently "adopted" his teenage son and borrow him on occasion to share their lives. Last summer, they took him on an extended vacation trip. Upon their return, my colleague reports, a new bond between the two families was evident. They found that they were, in a real sense, one family.

Being a Christian family includes the quality of all of our relationships with others. It includes our willingness to share ourselves with a childless couple, a widow, a lonely single adult or teenager. Look to the quality and inclusiveness of your family relationships today and note new ways in which you can fulfill the calling to be a Christian family.

Rev. Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
Stewardship Council
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O GOD, WHO TO A LOYAL HOME

(C.M.D.) Tune: All Saints New

O God, who to a loyal home
  Didst trust thy Son divine,
Where faithful love and patient work
  Made daily life benign:
With contrite shame thy grace we claim,
  And lift to thee our prayer:
Redeem our oft unworthy homes
  Till all is Christlike there.

Deliver us from sins which harm
  Our homes and mar their peace.
May selfless and devoted love
  Make strife and discord cease.
With anxious zeal, for mankind's weal
  And world-wide peace we pray;
But all in vain, if wayward homes
  Cause childhood's steps to stray.

Thou art our Father, and from thee
  All faithful families spring;
To homes where love and honor dwell
  Thou dost thy blessings bring.
O God of love, send from above
  Thy succor, swift and strong,
That from such homes stout souls may come
  To triumph over wrong.

We pray that childhood's latent powers
  May grow to bless mankind;
That we may guide aright young lives,
  For unguessed good designed.
O Father God, whose Son has trod
  Such lowly paths as we,
Help us to build on earth true homes,
  Till we come home to thee.

---Harry Emerson Fosdick


devout men from every nation

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Andy Baker and Tim Carroll, Acolytes

May 18, 1975 Pentecost 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE O Lord Most Holy Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: On this day, long ago, the church was born. Full of faith and hope, those first Christians spread out from that first Pentecost affirming God's love for all.

People: May the Holy Spirit excite in us that founding faith and send us, too, to witness wherever the wind blows.

Choir: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* The Statement of Faith (all uniting)

Affirmation: "We will endeavor to do so and we promise our support."

The Baptism and prayer

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:18-31

SOLO O Divine Redeemer Gounod
(Mrs. McSherry Lackey, soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

THE OFFERING

Offertory Sicilienne J. S. Bach

Congregational Response The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Between Memory and Hope

HYMN 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response God be with you till we meet again

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Fred Young. Greeters of the Day are Ralph Oxford and T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell, Sr.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is God's gracious gift to Mark Daniel Caddell, son of The Reverend and Mrs. Stephen W. Caddell.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the Service or Ordination for Charles B. Terrell this evening at 7:00. A reception will follow in the Parish House.

THIS WEEK, Senior Hi Youth meet at 3:00 to play softball at college field...Our Pastor will be attending the Annual Ministers' Retreat at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds until Wednesday...The elementary teachers' luncheon is tomorrow at noon...Cub Pack 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:00.

NEXT SUNDAY we will combine Church School and Church Worship at 9:30 in order that those who so desire also can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement. Our high school seniors will be recognized at this early Service.



devout men from every nation

May 18, 1975
Acts 2:1-13

PENTECOST

Come into church on a Sunday morning and, chances are, nearly everyone there will be like you in class, race, cultural background, nationality, and language. But wait! See the host of witnesses to the gospel who today share the world community of Christian faith with you: miners in South Africa, technicians in Japan, teachers in Germany, cattle growers in Australia, farmers in India, factory workers in Russia — "devout people from every nation." We belong to a company of Christ's witnesses all over the earth who fulfill the promise of Pentecost.

Pentecost!

What do we celebrate on this "birthday" of the church?
We celebrate a long history of expectant waiting
For a new human community to be born.
A humanity, depicted in the Genesis' Tower of Babel story
As bent on idolatrous name-building to make life secure,
Ends in the babbling wreckage of destroyed community.
But God answers with the call of a servant people
To be a blessing to all the families of earth;
And Israel's long history climaxes in the Christ,
Who with arms outstretched in love embodies that blessing
To bring and bind together all in God's one human family.

We celebrate a Spirit given to cut across all the barriers
Of race and language, history and geography,
Politics and economics, social class and religious heritage,
That keep us from hearing the good news, intended for all
To free us for one another in nourishing community,
And empower us for an imaginative mission that reaches
To the ends of the earth and into every part of life
With creative compassion and healing justice,
Letting the Holy Spirit make us whole persons and peoples
In God's new human community.

Pentecost!

What a birthday to celebrate!

Dr. Paul L. Hammer
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SERVICE OF ORDINATION

Into the Christian Ministry

For

CHARLES BEDFORD TERRELL

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY THE EIGHTEENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE
SEVEN O'CLOCK

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION
OF THE
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
OF THE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT: "Spirit of the Living God"

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION ..... Dr. Lightbourne

*HYMN OF PRAISE 366: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE ..... Dr. Register

Dearly beloved, while every vocation should be to a Christian a holy call of God to service in his kingdom, we are taught that in the one body of Christ there are varieties of gifts and varieties of members. Since the beginning of the Church, some of Christ's disciples have been set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands to give themselves wholly to preaching and teaching God's Word, to pastoral care and leadership, and to the administration of the sacraments and rites of the Church.

Believing himself called by God to this ministry, Charles Bedford Terrell was presented by this congregation to the Eastern North Carolina Association, meeting as an Ordaining Ecclesiastical Council. The Council examined his records as a student for the ministry; it heard his testimony of Christian experience, Christian faith, and his call to the Christian Ministry; it questioned him about these things until it was satisfied that here indeed is one whom God intends to be set apart to the ordained ministry in his Church.

It is for this holy purpose that we meet together in this place. May our worship, therefore, be in spirit and in truth.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: II Timothy 2:1-13 ..... Dr. Truitt

THE EVENING PRAYERS ..... Mr. Thompson

ANTHEM: "He Comes To Us" (text by Albert Schweitzer) ..... J. M. Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old by the lakeside he came to those who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time.

He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings, which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who he is.

THE SERMON: "The Unfettered Word" ..... Mr. Bergland

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 1: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE ..... Dr. Danieley

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THE EXAMINATION ..... Dr. Fields

Brother in Christ, it is clear to you and to us that the work of the ministry is a high and holy calling. You are called to be bold and yet meek, at once proclaiming the mighty works of God and living among men as one who serves. Holy Scripture says, "Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort." And again the Lord Jesus says to his apostles, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." Before God and this congregation we ask you::

Are you persuaded that God has called you to be an ordained minister in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are you ready to enter this ministry and faithfully to serve in it?

A. I am.

Do you, with the Church throughout the world, hear the Word of God in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments, and do you accept it as the rule of Christian faith and practice?

A. I do.

Do you promise to be diligent in your private prayers and reading of the Scriptures, as well as in the public duties of your office?

A. I do.

Will you be zealous in maintaining both the truth of the Gospel and the peace of the Church, speaking the truth in love?

A. I will, relying on God's grace.

Do you accept the faith and order of the United Church of Christ; and will you, as a minister in the communion, show brotherly affection toward all who are in Christ?

A. I do and I will.

THE ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

(All ordained ministers are invited to join in the laying on of hands.)

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ..... Dr. Register

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND
RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP ..... Mr. Thompson

A CHARGE TO THE MINISTER ..... Mr. Hamilton

*HYMN 363: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

*BENEDICTION ..... The Reverend Mr. Charles Terrell

*CHORAL RESPONSE ..... Sevenfold Amen

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Mr. John K. Bergland is Associate Professor of Homiletics at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley is chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Elon College Community Church.

The Reverend Dr. Clyde L. Fields is Association Minister of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Reverend Mr. Thomas R. Hamilton is Pastor of the Elon College Community Church.

The Reverend Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. is Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth D. Register is Chairman of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Association and Pastor of the Beverly Hills United Church of Christ, Burlington, N. C.

The Reverend Mr. Charles Thompson is President of the Eastern North Carolina Association and Pastor of Children's Chapel United Church of Christ, Graham N. C.

The Reverend Dr. John G. Truitt is a former Pastor of United Church of Christ congregations in North Carolina, Virginia, and Ohio, and a former Superintendent of the Elon Home for Children.

Mrs. David Bragg is Organist and Choral Director of the Elon College Community Church.

The Choir of the Elon College Community Church is providing special music.

The Deacons of the Elon College Community Church are serving as greeters and ushers.

CHARLES BEDFORD TERRELL is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown Terrell Sr. of Elon College, North Carolina. He was born August 10, 1950 in Warrenton N. C. He is a graduate of Western Alamance High School in Elon College received an A.B. degree in English from Davidson College in 1972, and was a member of the 1975 graduating class of Duke Divinity School of Duke University with a Master of Divinity degree.

He is married to the former Diana Lea Durig of New Martinsville, West Virginia, who is a graduate of the Ohio Valley School of Nursing in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Pastor Terrell will begin serving the Keller-St. Paul Charge of the United Church of Christ, near Kannapolis and China Grove, North Carolina, in June.

A Reception in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Charles Terrell, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the Elon College Community Church, will be held in the Parish House following the Service of Ordination. You are invited to attend.

THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS is composed of the wives of all clergy-members of the Elon College Community Church and is chaired by Mrs. Bertie * Fields and Mrs. Adelia Truitt.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Terrell, Sr.

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GO . . . AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

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May 25, 1975 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Chanson de Neu Calier

A CALL TO WORSHIP
* Response of Praise The Doxology
GROUP SINGING
* Hymn 481 "I Sing A Song of the Saints of God"
* 391 "Be Thou My Vision"
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
Mr. Bill Blanchard
A PARABLE - George
Reactions - do you know George?
A PARABLE - Mary Ellen
Reactions - do you know Mary Ellen?

OUR OFFERING
of prayers
of self
of money

Anthems by the Junior Choir
God Gives His People Strength
Joy Is Like The Rain
(Cathy Ellison, flutist)

*HYMN "They'll Know We are Christians"
chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
1. We are one in the Spirit (chorus)
2. We will walk with each other (chorus)
3. All praise to the Father from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (chorus)

BENEDICTION
organ amen

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. George Noah. Greeters of the Day are Bill Blanchard and E. W. Brafford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McConkey and also Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Clem and Mrs. Bessie Holt Clem.

THE SERVICE TODAY is held early in order that our people can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement at 10:30 o'clock in Memorial Gymnasium. We will return to our regular schedule of Church School at 9:45 and Church Worship at 11:00 next Sunday.

WE RECOGNIZE with pride the following members of our church who are graduating from area high schools:

Emily Alexander
Sherri Andrews
Lena Latta
Clayton Mann
Vicki Price
Gail Reynolds
Mark Rinker
Clarence Reese
Debbie Wood

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets this evening at 7:00.

NEXT SUNDAY, the Annual Memorial Service of the Magnolia Memorial Association will be held here at four o'clock.

SUMMER CAMP registrations for young people planning to go to Moonelon, Johns River, or Franklinton Center are due now. Please secure information and registration forms from Miss Grubb.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Trinity Sunday

May 25, 1975

Matthew 28:16-20

Christian leaders recently came from throughout the world to Bangkok to confer about the Christian mission. Participants from the rest of the globe outnumbered those from Europe and North America. That marked a great gain of non-Western resources, personnel, churches, and ideas in the world Christian community. It is good news about Christ's cause: his mission now has roots in all nations. That news also confirms what world Christian leader Emilio Castro of Uruguay has observed: "We are at the end of the missionary era — and at the beginning of world mission."

A VISION OF ONENESS AND JUSTICE

When Mizuki-san, a Japanese youth delegate from the Kyodan, the United Church of Christ of Japan, returned from an international conference recently, he was excited. "Thank you for letting me go," he said. "My heart is so hot!" The literal translation of this Japanese expression conveys his intense feelings about what he had experienced at the conference which was initiated by the Korean Christian Church in Japan and was sponsored by the Japan-North American Commission on Cooperative Mission, the group through which our United Church Board for World Ministries works in Japan.

The conference was called to develop a mission strategy vis-à-vis ethnic minorities and other oppressed peoples in Japanese society. The eighty delegates who came from fifteen countries include blacks, Chicanos, Indians, and Asians from the United States, as well as people from Canada, Southeast Asia, Korea, and other nations.

While his "heart was still hot," Mizuki-san was encouraged to speak at a series of meetings at the church-related Student Center at Sendai. Over 150 students came to hear him. Afterwards, a small group began meeting regularly to share concern for minorities which had hitherto been invisible to them — Koreans; Ainus, who are aborigines from the Northern islands; and *burakus*, who are an "outcast" class.

Through your giving to Our Christian World Mission you helped Mizuki-san and his colleagues become sensitive to differences which are not an accepted part of the homogeneous Japanese society.

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you shall teach them to your children



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June 1, 1975 11:00 a.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION

It is so much easier to build on sand. It is easier to drift along and postpone decisions. It is easier to think that I know what I want to believe and how I want to act. But the day comes when...

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Mendelsso

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Let All Mortal Fle

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 15 "Praise To The Lord, the Almighty"

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

ANTHEM Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Muell

CONFESSION OF SIN (all unitin

Forgive us, our Father, for every evidence of ingratitude: We have been unkind, selfish, careless, thankless people, spoiling your beautiful presents. So now we ask your special surprise, the forgiveness of sin, and your help in using this gift rightly.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON *Gloria Pat

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 7:21-29

SERMON "Invisible Means of Support"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The UCC Statement of Faith

THE MORNING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Aria Peeters

* Congregational Response The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

GO FORTH FOR SERVICE

*HYMN 357 "Strong Son of God" (st. 1,4,5,6)

*BENEDICTION Choral Response

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Leroy Hughes. Greeters of the Day are Bill Blanchard and Ken Harper.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Brannock and Mrs. Mary Brannock Rouse by Misses Madge and Edith Brannock.

THE ANNUAL Memorial Service of the Magnolia Memorial Association will be held here this afternoon at four o'clock.

VOLUNTEER PAINTERS will be working at the parsonage on Saturday morning. Others are invited.



teach them

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **June 1, 1975**

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

Mature Christians accept their worth as persons. At the same time, they honor the unique worth of all other persons. They react creatively to the love, trust, and needs of other people. How can we help children become persons like that? We can help by valuing each child for her or his own unique meaning and worth. Our creative response to each child's needs, trust, and love can provide good models of Christ-like faith in action. Such experience can enable children to build bridges from their trust in loving people to faith in the loving God.

SALARY PLUS . . .

When a congregation negotiates with a minister, whether it be with a new seminary graduate or one of long parish experience, or negotiates with a full-time lay worker who serves the church as Christian education director or church secretary, the discussion finally boils down to a question of salary, but always it should be salary "plus." Such a discussion should definitely include a "security package" that will protect ministers and career lay workers and their families. Such a package will last a lifetime and will give many benefits over the years. Here is what's in the security package currently recommended by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ:

- Annuity dues paid by the church employer to the Pension Boards to provide for retirement.
- Group health insurance paid by the church through the Pension Boards' Family Protection Plans.
- Active membership and participation in Social Security.
- Parsonage (valued at 30% of cash salary) or housing allowance to be used in computing annuity dues (housing allowance must be established for tax purposes prior to starting the job).
- Expenses related to carrying on the church's work, including: automobile expenses (to cover not only cost of gas, oil, and insurance, but also depreciation), and costs of continuing education, books, hospitality, etc.
- Annual review of salary and other compensation.

Won't you be sure that your ministers and career lay workers are provided with such a security package this year as you re-think their need for "salary plus"?

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 1, 1975

4:00 P.M.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Elon College, North Carolina

For all the saints
who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith
before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

WORSHIP

Invocation

Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (st. 1-4)

Memoirs Mrs. T. H. Mackintosh

Meditation Double Investment

Prayer

Hymn 372 "How Firm a Foundation"

Benediction

Rev. Thomas R. Hamilton, Officiant
Mrs. David Bragg, Organist

BUSINESS SESSION

Election of Officers
Future Annual Meetings
Other

OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976

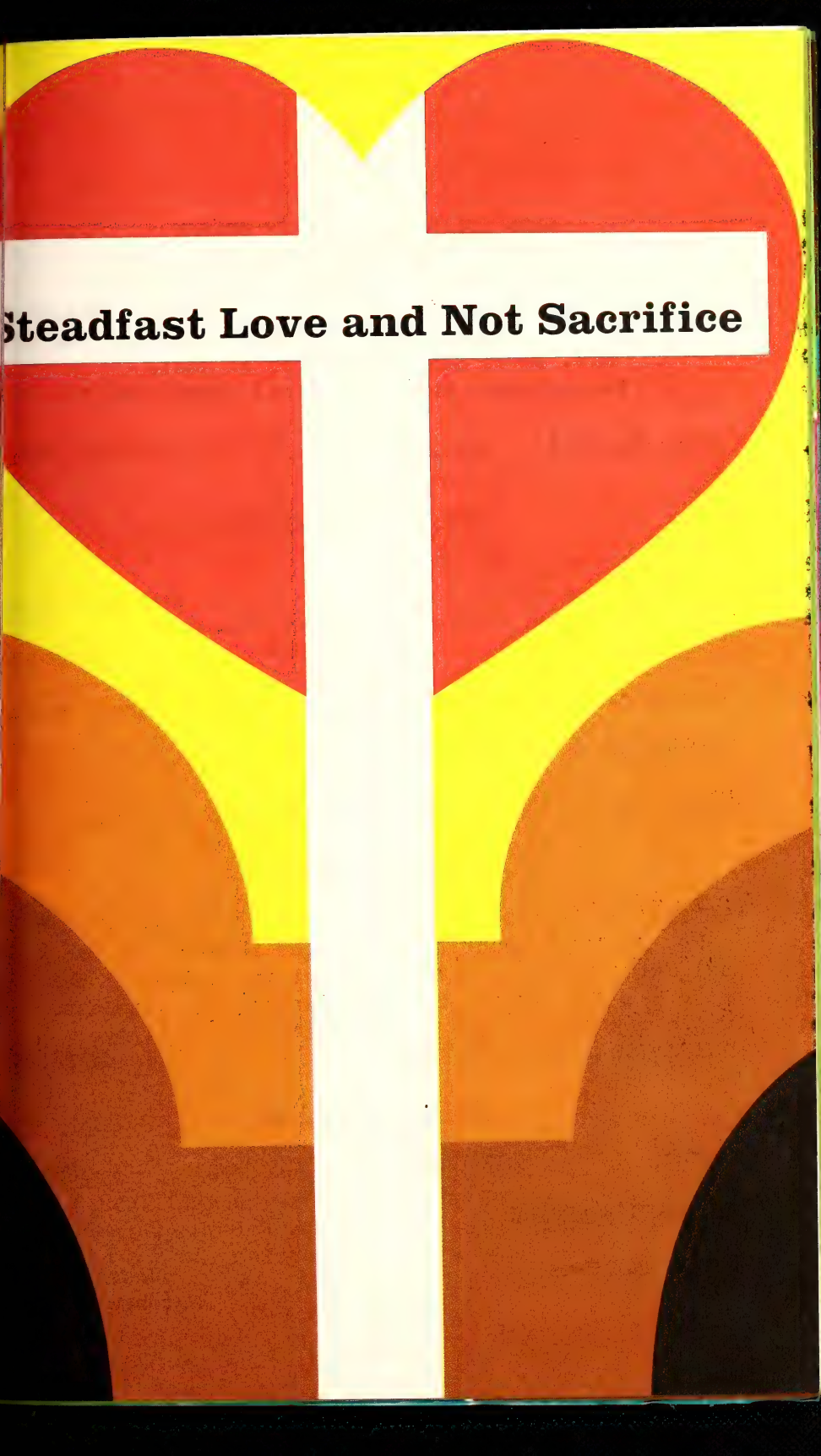
President	E. S. Lankford
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Treasurer	Mrs. M. W. Hook

IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. Nettie O. Gilliam	June 19, 1974
Mrs. Mabel Cox	September 9, 1974
Roy McPherson	September 11, 1974
Garland F. Pridgen, Sr.	October 11, 1974
Mrs. Polly Marino	October 14, 1974
John L. Stone, III	October 16, 1974
Mrs. Mary B. Rouse	October 17, 1974
Miss Lila C. Newman	November 7, 1974
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Mrs. Ruth J. Kernodle	January 18, 1975
Mrs. Lenora H. Dempsey	January 20, 1975
George D. Colclough	January 30, 1975
J. B. Long, Sr.	February 25, 1975
Wilkes E. Lowe, III	March 14, 1975
Worden J. Updyke, Jr.	April 3, 1975

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
May 1, 1974 --- May 31, 1975

Balance May 1, 1974		
Checking Account	$ 767.56	
Savings Certificates	3,200.00	$ 3,967.56
Receipts		
Dues	312.00	
Memorial to Lila Newman	10.00	
Dividends	168.00	490.00
Disbursements		
1974 postage and printing	17.00	
1975 postage and printing	19.50	
1974 cemetery work	39.00	
Fertilizer for cemetery	68.40	
Elon College Community Church programs	5.00	
Mrs. Boley - preparation of programs	5.00	
Stamp and pad	3.64	157.54
Balance May 31, 1975		
Checking Account	1,100.02	
Savings Certificates	3,200.00	$ 4,300.02


Steadfast Love and Not Sacrifice

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Del Atkinson and Tim Carroll, Acolytes

June 8, 1975 11:00 a.m.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION
Perhaps we should not admit so easily that some need Christ and some do not. Who does not?

PRELUDE Thee We Adore Peeters

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Let All Mortal Flesh

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting)
We, who were meant to be a light showing the way to salvation, are too often obstructions instead. Forgive us, our Father, for any suspicion or meanness which may have spread darkness instead of light,

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON Gloria Patri

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Walk Humbly With Thy God W. G. Darst

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BIBLE READINGS Hosea 6:1-6
Matthew 9:9-13

SERMON "Both Righteous and Sinner"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Kansas City Creed P. 512

THE MORNING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Andante for Organ Bach
* Congregational Response The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

GO FORTH FOR SERVICE

*HYMN 353 "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

*BENEDICTION Choral Response

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Atkinson in honor of Sheree Leigh Atkinson and Johnny Ray Smith whose Service of Marriage will be celebrated here this afternoon at three o'clock.

TODAY 3:00 Sr. Hi Youth at Children's Home
7:30 Executive Board of Women's Fellowship

THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET is tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Parish House.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...John Brady art lessons for children 6-12 begin Thursday at 2:00 in the Parish House...Volunteer painters will be working at the parsonage on Saturday morning...Registrations for summer camp need to be received immediately.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Howard Richardson. Greeters of the Day are W. C. Perry and Willard White.



Steadfast Love

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 8, 1975
Hosea 6:1-6

In our churches we spend large amounts of time, energy, and money on good music, tasteful architecture, well-furnished sanctuaries, colorful ritual, and masterly preaching. These can express and reinforce our dedication to God. Thus, they have their place. But these things do not take the place of something God values far more highly. God asks for our steadfast love, shown by our intention to be just, merciful, and loving in each encounter we have with others, and by the work we do, correspondingly, to reform the structures of our society.

THE BLACK CHURCH TODAY

For more than 250 years the church has been the mighty river of God's divine purpose into which black people have plunged their tired bodies and broken spirits in search of redemption. Out of this baptism they have surfaced with renewed hope and determination — with credentials for survival and leadership in a hostile world. Today, the Black Church, consisting of some 12,000,000 Afro-American members in all-black and in predominantly white denominations, reflects the varieties of religious experience and power released on the Day of Pentecost.

The role of the Black Church in Christendom and in society as a whole, however, remains the same as in the days of Nat Turner, Denmark Vessey, Martin Luther King, or Bishop D. Ward Nicols:

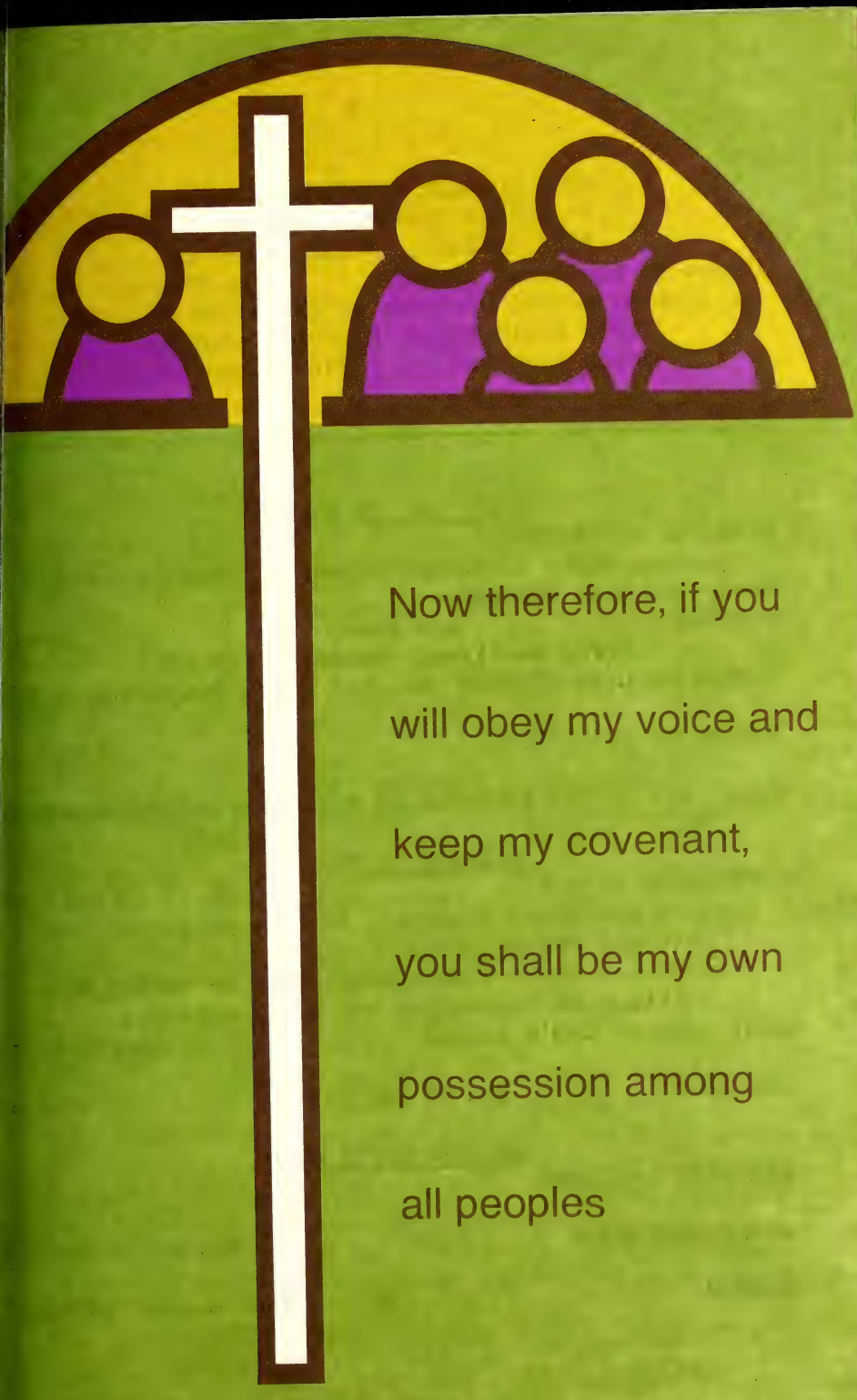
- Advocating the liberating power of Jesus the Christ.
- Raising Christian conscience on issues of justice.
- Providing an arena for the full humanization and leadership development of black people.
- Assisting church and society to achieve wholeness in relationships and in mission efforts.

And this role offers much to the strengthening of the whole church.

William K. Fox
Assistant to the General Minister & President
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Now therefore, if you

will obey my voice and

keep my covenant,

you shall be my own

possession among

all peoples

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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Keith Lyon and Del Atkinson, Acolytes

June 15, 1975 11:00 a.m

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION
"Pastor, where in scripture does it say 'God helps those who help themselves'?"

PRELUDE Ave Verum Mozart
(Joy Hamilton, student organist)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 206 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting)
Forgive our short memories, Father: we forget too soon our solemn vows.
Forgive our short-sightedness, too: we notice too little need beyond our own small circle.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON Gloria Patri

ANTHEM God Of Our Life Purday

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BIBLE READING Matthew 9:36-10:8

SERMON "God is our Defender"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed p. 512

THE MORNING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Reverie Andrianan

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO FORTH FOR SERVICE

*HYMN 60 "Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response God Be With You

POSTLUDE I Know That My Redeemer Liveth Handel

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by the Family.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. John Truitt. Greeters of the Day are Dr. J. Earl Danieley and E. S. Lankford.

TODAY 2:30 Community Appreciation Service at the Elon Black First Baptist Church

3:00 Senior Hi Youth

7:00 Christian Education Committee

7:00 Music Committee

THE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM for first through eighth graders will be held each morning this week from 9-12 at the Elon Middle School. There is a one dollar registration.

THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM will be held each Wednesday from 1-3 at the Elementary School.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ned and Jackie (nee Waggoner) Danieley whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday in Statesville.



you shall be my own

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 15, 1975

Exodus 19:2-6

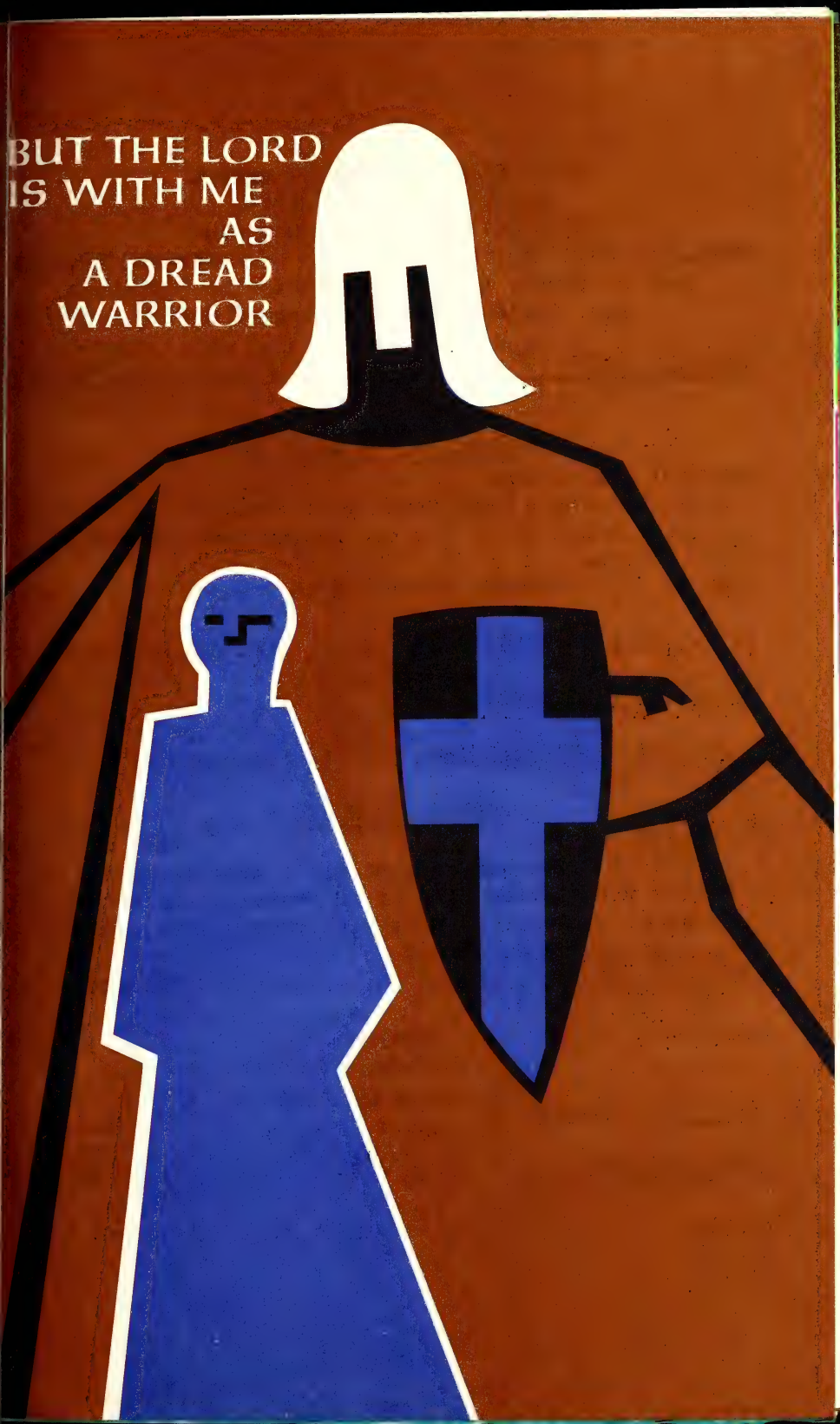
At Sinai, God has Moses tell Israel, "You shall be my own possession among all peoples." Paul writes to Rome about people who are "called according to his [God's] purpose." At Gettysburg, Lincoln speaks of the United States as "this nation, under God." Many nations enjoy the notion that they are specially favored by God. Most resist the attendant demand: "keep my covenant." Israel broke that covenant — and came apart. Rome grew fat and corrupt — and caved in. If the ethics and faith of "this nation" should decay, it is likely to fall under the same fate.

SIXTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

When Women's Christian College was founded in Madras, India, in 1915, its aim was simple: to open the doors of higher education to women. Today, the purpose of this institution, which we have long supported through our United Church Board for World Ministries, has become somewhat more complex. Renuka M. Somasekhar, principal of the college, notes that social, ethical, and cultural progress in India depends on the education of all its citizens. True education, according to Mrs. Somasekhar, is the training of mind, heart, and body; the discovery of goals in life; and the discipline to follow them. The college and its students are joined in the search for higher values and for deeper understandings of the individual, the surroundings, the larger world, and the universe.

Women's Christian College now educates more than 600 students each year from all parts of India. In its sixty years of excellence, it has graduated more than 3,000 women in the arts and sciences — women who are now educators, doctors, homemakers, and civic leaders. And the college has kept, nourished, and shared its central commitment to Christian service, to the Christian faith, and to the Christian way of life. You have helped through your giving to Our Christian World Mission.

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BUT THE LORD
IS WITH ME
AS
A DREAD
WARRIOR

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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music

June 22, 1975 11:00 a.m.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION

What could be a more terrifying prospect than hiding out in life and being the one nobody cares enough about to come and find?

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major Bach

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Let All Mortal Flesh

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 290 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting)

Father, forgive our confusions: we confuse making a living with making a life; we confuse arrogance with assurance; we confuse ideas with convictions. Renew in us the spirit of Christ.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON Gloria Patri

ANTHEM Sanctus Gounod
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BIBLE READING Luke 19:1-10

SERMON "Games People Play: Hide and Seek"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Salem Covenant p. 512

THE MORNING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory To God We Give Our Trust Walther

Congregational Response The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

GO FORTH FOR SERVICE

HYMN 380 "March On, O Soul, With Strength"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response Threefold Amen

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gerlach in memory of her father, Mr. John Harvey Simpson.

TODAY 3:00 Sr. Hi Youth go bowling

5:30 Seekers' Class and their families meet for home-made ice cream

THE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM for first through eighth graders will be held each morning this week from 9-12 at the Elon Middle School. There is a one dollar registration.

OTHER: Lynne Fogleman and Joy Hamilton leave today for Johns River Camp...Miss Grubb leavestomorrow for the National AUCE Conference and General Synod in Minneapolis. Dr. Clyde Fields and J. C. Dollar also will be attending General Synod...The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated here next Sunday...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford upon the death of his brother, Jesse Oxford, of Atlanta on June 19... Devotional Guides for July-August are available in the narthex.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 22, 1975

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Weary of dread warriors, many of us are left cold by Jeremiah's use of that image for God. But see Jeremiah in his own life-setting. His nation, Judah, is imperiled by a corrupt citizenry. Enemies surround it on every side. When Jeremiah challenges his countrymen's corruption and seeks to rally them, Judah's chief priest, Pashur, has him put in the stocks and beaten. Jeremiah becomes an outcast. Judah goes down in defeat and exile. It is in the travail and pain of that crisis that Jeremiah finds God to be a strong defender and a faithful ally.

NOW WHO ARE THE MISSIONARIES?

More and more Christian leaders from abroad are coming to the United States to serve in our churches. Like the call to our missionaries who have served overseas, they seek "in loving frankness" to speak to the needs of the churches they serve.

- Pastor Jacob Mugo from Kenya is, in effect, a missionary from the Presbyterian Church of East Africa to the Hudson River Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
- Miss Waurenee Deetana, a Christian education specialist, served as a missionary, in this sense, from the Church of Christ in Thailand to the summer camps and conferences of the Christian Church in Ohio.
- Pastor Roy Brink from South Africa served as such a missionary from the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa to the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Wherever these "missionaries" have worked among us they have shown that common concerns and needs bridge the distances between the continents, for the Gospel which we affirm is the same around the world. This pattern of service — internationalization — is an important and necessary next step in the worldwide mission of the church. It is no longer we alone who are the missionaries.

This message is prepared for joint use by the United Presbyterian Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ.

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death
no
longer
has dominion

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June 29, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Communion Meditation Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh
Pastor: God has called us to freedom through Jesus Christ.
People: No longer under the law, let us serve God and one another in love. Our service begins in our worship.

*HYMN 503 "Open Now thy Gates of Beauty"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 11:28-30

ANTHEM The Stations of the Cross Dubois
Becky Gardner, Soprano
Tim Price, Baritone
THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Amen

THE OFFERING
Offertory Andante Cantabile Young
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
COMMUNION MEDITATION My Yoke is Easy, My Burden Light

*HYMN 254 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect

General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response God be with you

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey T. Holt in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Albright and his father, Mr. W. A. Holt.

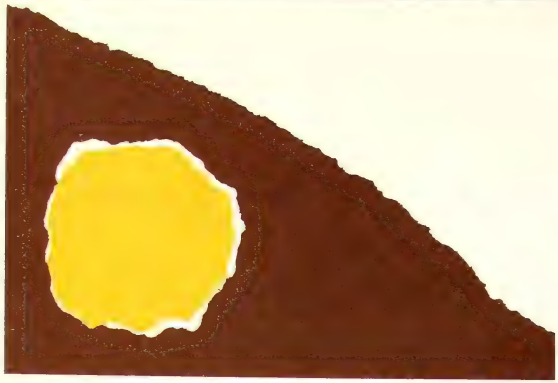
TODAY: 7:00 Worship Committee

WE WELCOME as guest soloists today Becky Gardner, who is a sophomore music major at UNC-G, and Tim Price who leaves later today for Governor's School at Salem College.

ATTENDING CAMP this week are Sharon Rinker at Moonelon and Andre Wilkins, Charles Wilkins, and Gray Lackey at Johns River.

THE GENERAL SYNOD of the United Church of Christ meets June 27-July 1 in Minneapolis. Attending from our church are June Grubb, Dr. Clyde Fields, and J. C. Dollar.

OTHER Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Copies of Daily Devotions are available in the narthex...Rev. Richard Rinker will be our Guest Minister next Sunday...The Board of Deacons meets next Sunday evening at 7:30...Vacation Church School for children and adults will be held July 13-14-15; 20,21,22 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.



death no longer has dominion

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 1975
Romans 6:1-11

[illegible] means for a marked gain in the quality of its life. But we lack the will and virtue for full utilization of those means. We thus face the prospect of famine, tyranny, and catastrophic wars. The world needs a new quality of person if it is to know a new quality of life. Christ offers such a new quality of person. In his life, we die to sin. We come alive to God. We grow in our concern for the well-being of others. We become new humans, capable of helping the world to enter a new age in which "death no longer has dominion."

TENTH GENERAL SYNOD

As you gather for celebration and worship this Sunday you are invited to lift up to God in prayer the approximately 850 delegates and associate delegates who will comprise the Tenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, this week.

The General Synod symbolizes the whole church as a community committed to mission, and it engages in corporate activities to define and clarify the nationwide and the worldwide mission of the United Church of Christ. This will be done in the spirit of the theme, "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites."

The delegates will participate in varied experiences of worship; in the review, evaluation, and modification of priorities; in attention to concerns for local church vitality, world hunger, evangelism, economic justice, criminal justice and penal reform, and the continuing search for faith. The Synod will also receive and respond to the reports of the national agencies; determine the place of social action in our church; and respond to the recommendations of the Task Force on Women. The Tenth General Synod will also adopt a biennial budget, act on Overtures and Pronouncements, and rejoice in the progress of the 17/76 Achievement Fund campaign.

Pray that this Synod may seize the opportunity to be the Church of Jesus Christ in this grand and awful time.

Joseph H. Evans
Secretary
United Church of Christ

HIS DOMINION SHALL BE FROM SEA TO SEA

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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July 6, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Major Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Lo, God is Here
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Almighty God, help us to know the nearness of your loving presence. Give us quiet minds and reverent hearts that we may worship worthily in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"
THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the New Testament Luke 12:13-21
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Sermon Whatever You Call It, It's There
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Unto Thee We Give Thanks
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Dedication of Gifts
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. L.B. Wilkins. Greeters of the Day are J. M. McAdams and George Noah.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George Noah in honor of their grandchildren, Traci and Tiffany Noah and Chad Huffine.

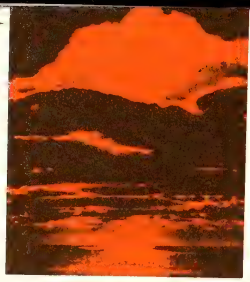
ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today the Reverend Mr. Richard N. Rinker, Minister of Christian Education of the Southern Conference and a member of our congregation. Our Pastor is at Johns River Camp this week, directing a camp for junior age children. He will return on Saturday.

DAY: 3:00 Sr. Hi Youth Ice Cream Social
7:30 Board of Deacons

CATION CHURCH SCHOOL for children and adults will be held July 13, 14, 15 and 20, 21, 22. Nursery, kindergarten and primary classes will meet separately and in their present classrooms. Grades 3-6 will meet in the Parish House in a learning center approach. The youth and adult general studies will meet in the sanctuary. The AGAPE class will meet in room #12.

RISTIAN EDUCATION Circle Chairpersons are asked to be present for a meeting Tuesday evening, July 8, at 7:30 in the junior classroom.

E SERVICE OF ORDINATION into the Christian Ministry for John Charles Dollar will be held here on July 20 at 11:00. A covered dish luncheon will follow at 12:30 in the MacFarland Building.



HIS DOMINION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 1975

Zechariah 9:9-13

In the Sixth Century B.C., Hebrew prophets rallied returned exiles to rebuild Jerusalem. Since then, in age after age, that holy city has been invaded and conquered. Empires — Egypt, Persia, Greece, Rome — have come and gone. Yet, an ancient vision of "peace to the nations" abides. Hope lives that a King of Peace will gain "dominion...from sea to sea." That hope nerves us to pray and to work for growing concord throughout the whole human family.

A NEW COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Christians in the Middle East today are able,to a greater extent than ever before, to speak with one voice and to focus the wisdom and power of the Gospel on the problems which beset their troubled lands. The reason: for the first time they have a truly ecumenical council. After long months of discussion, planning, and negotiation, the Middle East Council of Churches came into being last summer.

For the first time since the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D., two main branches of Orthodoxy met officially and joined with Protestants, who had comprised the Near East Council of Churches, to form this new ecumenical body representing a major portion of the area's nine million Christians.

The Reverend Albert Isteero, former executive of the Protestant NECC, is the first General Secretary of the new Council in Beirut, Lebanon. The scope of the Council's work includes: publishing, broadcasting, witness and dialogue, Christian education, inter-church aid and economic development,and service to Palestine refugees. Much of the work of our United Church Board for World Ministries with refugees in this region will now be carried on in cooperation with this new Council in education, training, scholarships, and village self-help projects. You support them all when you give to Our Christian World Mission.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-039
June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Guest Director of Music

July 13, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Our Father, Bless Thou All Williams

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Thank you, good God, for showing us in human face and loving action and willing death how your great power is exercised in mercy. Gladly we come to worship. Bless us here with the strength it takes to do your will. Amen.

* Hymn 306 "For All The Saints"

THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the New Testament Romans 8:14-39

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 370 "He Leadeth Me"
Sermon When Sorrow Comes

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Rejoice Now, Dear Christians Pepping
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"
* Benediction Threefold Amen
Postlude Psalm XIX Marcello

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. E. W. Vickers. Greeters of the Day are R. Oxford and E. W. Brafford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harper in memory of their fathers, Mr. Tollie G. Foster and Mr. George W. Harper.

TODAY: 6:00 - 8:30 Vacation Church School for children and adults. Nursery, kindergarten and primary children will meet separately, grades 3-6 will meet in the Parish House (Learning Center), the A.G.A.P.E. (Adult Growth and Parent Education) will meet each evening from 6:00 - 8:30 in Room 12. The other adult and youth studies will meet in the sanctuary. TONIGHT our youth will present the musical "Shalom for You and Me" which will be followed by conversations with one another on the meaning of Shalom in the life of our congregation. MONDAY EVENING J. C. Dollar, Clyde Fields and June Grubb will report on the actions taken at the 1975 General Synod. TUESDAY EVENING Rev. Hamilton will lead us in a beginning celebration of the bicentennial. Each evening will conclude with a brief informal worship from 8:15 - 8:30. We hope to see you and your family present.

ATTENDING Johns River Camp this week is Barbie Elzey.

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION into the Christian Ministry for John Charles Dollar will be held next Sunday at our 11:00 o'clock Service of Worship. Dr. Melvin Dollar of Ontario, California will deliver the sermon. A covered-dish luncheon will follow at 12:30 at the MacFarland Building.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 1975
Isaiah 55:10-13

To homesick Hebrews, weary of exile in Babylon, a prophet writes of imminent release. "Nature will celebrate that day with you," he says. "Trees will applaud, hills sing, and the desert change from scrubby camel-thorn to luxuriant cypress. On the day of your liberation, nature will be transformed." That vision is much needed today. Blighted persons blight the earth. They poison its water, land, and air. They bankrupt its resources. Our hope for a redeemed earth lies in God's power to free us from blindness and greed. Then, "Earth shall be fair."

LOOKING AT LAW, ETHICS, AND THEOLOGY

Just a year ago, the United Christian Center at Ohio State University in Columbus hosted a conference of law students, law faculty members, practicing attorneys, ministry-in-higher-education staff members, and professionals in community service on the theme: Law-Ethics-Theology. The keynote speaker, William Stringfellow, Episcopal layman, attorney, and noted theologian, spoke on the major issues which converge at the intersection of the three disciplines. Follow-up discussion came in small seminar groups. The result: persons who otherwise might never have done so considered from this new vantage point the need for more adequate delivery of legal services and wrestled with problems of how the law may be used as an advocate for the poor and disadvantaged.

The United Christian Center in Columbus is one of more than 600 campus ministries which are linked through United Ministries in Higher Education, an interdenominational organization which we support through our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. The programs of each campus ministry are locally determined to meet special needs, whether they be in relationship to special concerns of students and faculty in some particular field, as for instance in the conference on Law-Ethics-Theology, or the special needs of students for the first time far from home. Wherever they are located, those who serve in the United Ministries in Higher Education serve in your behalf.

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SERVICE OF ORDINATION

Into the Christian Ministry

For

JOHN CHARLES DOLLAR

Sunday Morning, July Twentieth,

nineteen hundred seventy-five

eleven o'clock

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

United Church of Christ

ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION

OF THE

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

OF THE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A minor J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT "Come to the Father"

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION ..... Dr. Snyder

*HYMN OF PRAISE 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE Mrs. Jolly

Beloved, we are here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, to ordain John Charles Dollar to the Christian ministry. In ordination the church sets apart, by prayer and the laying on of hands, those of its members whom God has called to serve him as pastors and teachers within the mutual ministry of all believers. They are to preach his Word, to administer the sacraments, to prepare the church for its witness in the world, to be instruments of healing, and to guide the community of believers in its common work.

Believing himself called by God to this ministry, John Charles Dollar was presented by this congregation to the Eastern Carolina Association, meeting as an Ordaining Ecclesiastical Council. The Council examined his records as a student for the ministry; it heard his testimony of Christian experience, Christian faith, and his call to the Christian Ministry. It questioned him to its satisfaction that here indeed is one whom God intends to be set apart to the ordained ministry in his Church.

It is for this holy purpose that we meet together in this place. May our worship, therefore, be in spirit and in truth.

ANTHEM O How Amiable (Psalms 84 and 90) R. Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our Eternal Home.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4 Mr. Auler

THE MORNING PRAYERS Dr. Snyder

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo "God is My Shepherd" (Tim Price, Baritone) Dvorak

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SERMON Think on These Things Dr. Dollar

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE Dr. Danieley

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THE EXAMINATION — Dr. Fields

Brother in Christ, it is clear to you and to us that the work of the ministry is a high and holy calling. You are called to be bold and yet meek, at once proclaiming the mighty works of God and living among men as one who serves. Holy Scripture says, "Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort." And again the Lord Jesus says to his apostles, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." Before God and this congregation we ask you:

Are you persuaded that God has called you to be an ordained minister in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are you ready to enter this ministry and faithfully to serve in it?

A. I am.

Do you, with the Church throughout the world, hear the Word of God in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments, and do you accept it as the rule of Christian faith and practice?

A. I do.

Do you promise to be diligent in your private prayers and reading of the Scriptures, as well as in the public duties of your office?

A. I do.

Will you be zealous in maintaining both the truth of the Gospel and the peace of the Church, speaking the truth in love?

A. I will, relying on God's grace.

Do you accept the faith and order of the United Church of Christ; and will you, as a minister in the communion, show brotherly affection toward all who are in Christ?

A. I do and I will.

THE ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

(All ordained ministers are invited to join in the laying on of hands.)

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND
RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

A CHARGE TO THE MINISTER — Mr. Hamilton

HYMN 470 "God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons"

BENEDICTION — The Reverend Mr. J. C. Dollar

CHORAL RESPONSE — Sevenfold Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" — Walther

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Mr. Harold N. Auler, Jr. is Pastor of the Lanett United Church o Christ, Lanett, Alabama.

Dr. J. Earl Danieley is chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Elon Colleg Community Church.

The Reverend Dr. Melvin Dollar is Pastor of Bethel United Church of Christ, Ontario California. He has served as Pastor of several area United Church of Chris congregations and as Minister of Church Extension of the Florida Conference He is an uncle of Reverend J. C. Dollar.

The Reverend Dr. Clyde Fields is Association Minister of the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ and a member of the Elon College Community Church.

The Reverend Mr. Thomas R. Hamilton is Pastor of the Elon College Community Church.

Mrs. Harry H. Jolly, Jr. is a member of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Association and the First Christian United Church o Christ of Burlington, N. C.

The Reverend Dr. W. W. Snyder is Executive Director of the Elon Home for Children and a member of the Elon College Community Church.

Mrs. David Bragg is Organist and Choral Director of the Elon College Community Church.

The Choir of the Elon College Community Church is providing special music. Tim Price is baritone soloist.

The Deacons of the Elon College Community Church are serving as greeters.

JOHN CHARLES DOLLAR is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Calvin Dollar of Lanett, Alabama. He was born January 2, 1949 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Lanett Senior High School, attended Auburn University, and received the A.B. degree from Elon College in 1972 and the Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1975. He has served as student pastor of the Mebane United Church of Christ, the Youngsville United Church of Christ, and the New Hope United Church of Christ in Louisburg, N. C.

He is married to the former Carolyn June Still of Huguley, Alabama. They have one son, Jonathan Scott.

Reverend Dollar is currently serving as Supervisor of Campus Life at the Elon Home for Children.

A COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON in honor of Reverend and Mrs. J. C. Dollar, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the Elon College Community Church and the Elon Home for Children, will be held in the MacFarland Building following the Service of Ordination. You are invited to attend.

THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS is composed of the wives of all clergy members of the Elon College Community Church and is chaired by Mrs. Nell Snyder.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Still and Mr. and Mrs. C. Calvin Dollar, parents of Reverend and Mrs. Dollar.

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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music

July 27, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living Go
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
God, our Father, give us the vision of a steadying Christ whose trust in your power gave security. Let that confidence be ours as we worship and minister in his name. Amen
* Hymn 6 "O Worship the King"

THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the Old Testament Isaiah 5
Lesson from the New Testament Ephesians 4:1-

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lor

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Sermon Free and United Mr. Dollar

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
* Benediction Threefold Amen

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. W. C. Perry. Greeters of the Day are E. S. Lankford and W. C. Perry.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Oxford in memory of their parents.

WE ARE PLEASED to have as our guest minister today Rev. J. C. Dollar. Mr. Dollar is Supervisor of Campus Life at the Elon Home for Children and a member of this congregation.

Our Pastor and family are out of state on vacation. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling Miss Grubb or Mrs. Boley.

THE QUARTERLY REPORTS of your financial contributions are available in family envelopes in the narthex. Please get yours before you leave today.

ATTENDING CAMP this week are John Shepherd at Moonelon and Jay Updyke, Esther Gminder, Nathan Gminder, and Joseph Gminder at Johns River.

TODAY the Senior High Youth will meet at three o'clock in the Parish House.

MONDAY: 9 a.m. field trip to the Art Museum for the Blind in Raleigh for children in grades 3 through 6. Bring a bag lunch and a permission slip from parents Meet in the Parish House. We will return by 2:00 p.m.

A REMINDER: The Summer reading program for elementary grades (1-5) continues at the Elon College Elementary School library on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

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United Church of Christ
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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
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August 3, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
We pray, our Father, for the gift of alertness that we may see the signals of your promise and the gift of a receptive heart that dedication to thee and to one another may bind us all in peace and love, for the sake of Christ. Amen.

* Hymn 302 "O Zion, Haste"

THE LIVING WORD
Lesson from the New Testament Matthew 7:1-12

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 414 "In Christ There is no East or West"
Sermon A Staggering Promise Dr. Snyder

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Alegie Bach
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Threefold Amen

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Miss Caroline Powell. Greeters of the Day are J. E. Danieley and A. L. Hook.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Nannie D. Reitzel in memory of Miss Georgie Moore, and Miss Lila C. Newman.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. W. W. Snyder, Executive Director of the Elon Home for Children and a member of this congregation. Our pastor and family will be returning from vacation later today.

TODAY: 7:30 Board of Deacons.

ON AUGUST 17, our Service of Worship will be held at 9:30, to dismiss by 10:15; in order that those who so desire can also attend the Summer Commencement at 10:30 in Whitley Auditorium.

THE QUARTERLY REPORTS of your financial contributions are available in family envelopes in the narthex. Please get yours before you leave today.

ATTENDING CAMP this week is Nathan Allen at Johns River.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH will meet in the Parish House today at 3:00 p.m. for a rap session.

MONDAY: Children in grades 3-6 meet in the Parish House at 9:00 a.m. for a trip to the Natural Science Museum and Old Salem, Winston Salem. Bring permission slip and bag lunch. The group will return to Elon by 2:00 p.m. Cost: $2.00

HOSPITALIZED: Jane Rinker at Cone; Dr. Howard Richardson at Memorial.

NOTHING!

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 3, 1975**

Romans 8:31-39

Some persons who face imminent death sense death as a cataclysmic destruction. So they await death in quiet and, often, hidden rage. Others sense death as the ultimate isolation. Such persons await death in loneliness and psychic pain. Christians see death from the perspective of Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection, and present life. That enables us to face our own sure dying with a calm trust that nothing, "neither death...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

HELP FOR THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

The major part of the funds and program efforts of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries benefits the local congregations of our fellowship. The Board publishes the United Church Curriculum, the Confirmation Education Series, the Uniform Lessons Cooperative Series, and the Shalom Curriculum — all to support the local educational tasks. With other denominations, through Joint Educational Development, the Board is preparing major new educational resources for the late seventies.

The Board has developed a strong evangelism program around the action theme: "Do-Tell." Last year, more than one hundred evangelism consultants, who were recruited by U.C.C. conferences, were trained to help provide a grass-roots network of expertise and concern for evangelism in the United Church of Christ.

Counsel, training, resources, and financial subsidy are provided by the Board to congregations of many different kinds. The Board is working with churches in transitional communities which are undergoing racial and ethnic change. It is currently assisting more than fifty new congregations across the country. Small churches in rural transition are also being helped. Many congregations are using the Board's revolving church-building loan and grant fund. The Board is helping to train many kinds of leaders: new church pastors, evangelists, Christian educators, youth ministry leaders.

Local congregations benefit from all these programs which you help to support through your gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music

August 10, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Praise the Lord, Sing His Praise Buxtehude

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
* The Statement of Faith
ANTHEMS Sacred Harp Chorus
Hark, the Redeemer from on High
Great God, Attend while Zion Sings
(Joe Feldman, Director)
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Reading from the Old Testament I Kings 19:1-16
Sermon Get Up, Look Up, Link Up Mr. Hamilton
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Anthems Amazing Grace
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Dedication of Gifts
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
* Benediction

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Miss Ruth Dunn. Greeters of the Day are W. C. Perry and W. G. White.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Caroline Powell in memory of her sister, Mrs. Mary Powell Brantley.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is administered today to Brian Keith Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harper.

WE ARE PLEASED to have with us today the Sacred Harp Choir of "The Sword of Peace" as they present sacred music appropriate for bicentennial celebration. Dr. Sandy Moffett will introduce the music.

TODAY: 3:00 Sr. Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee

THE ADULT CHOIR begins rehearsals again on Wednesday evening at 7:30. This would be a good time for new choir members to begin.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will combine Church School and Church Worship at 9:30, to dismiss by 10:15 in order that those who so desire can also attend the Summer Commencement at 10:30 in Whitley Auditorium. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Ken Hollingsworth who is a missioner with the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

HOSPITALIZED: Jane Rinker at Cone.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 1975

I Kings 19:9-16

See Elijah run from Israel's evil queen, Jezebel. He runs into the wilderness by Beersheba. In exhaustion and despair, he sits under a broom tree and cries, "I've had it! God, take my life away!" But God sends, not death, but sleep. Elijah awakes, eats, revives, goes to a cave on holy Mount Horeb. There is earthquake, wind, fire. Then comes "the sound of a gentle stillness." In the stillness of Horeb, Elijah senses what, by God's aid, he can yet do. That heartens him again to try.

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

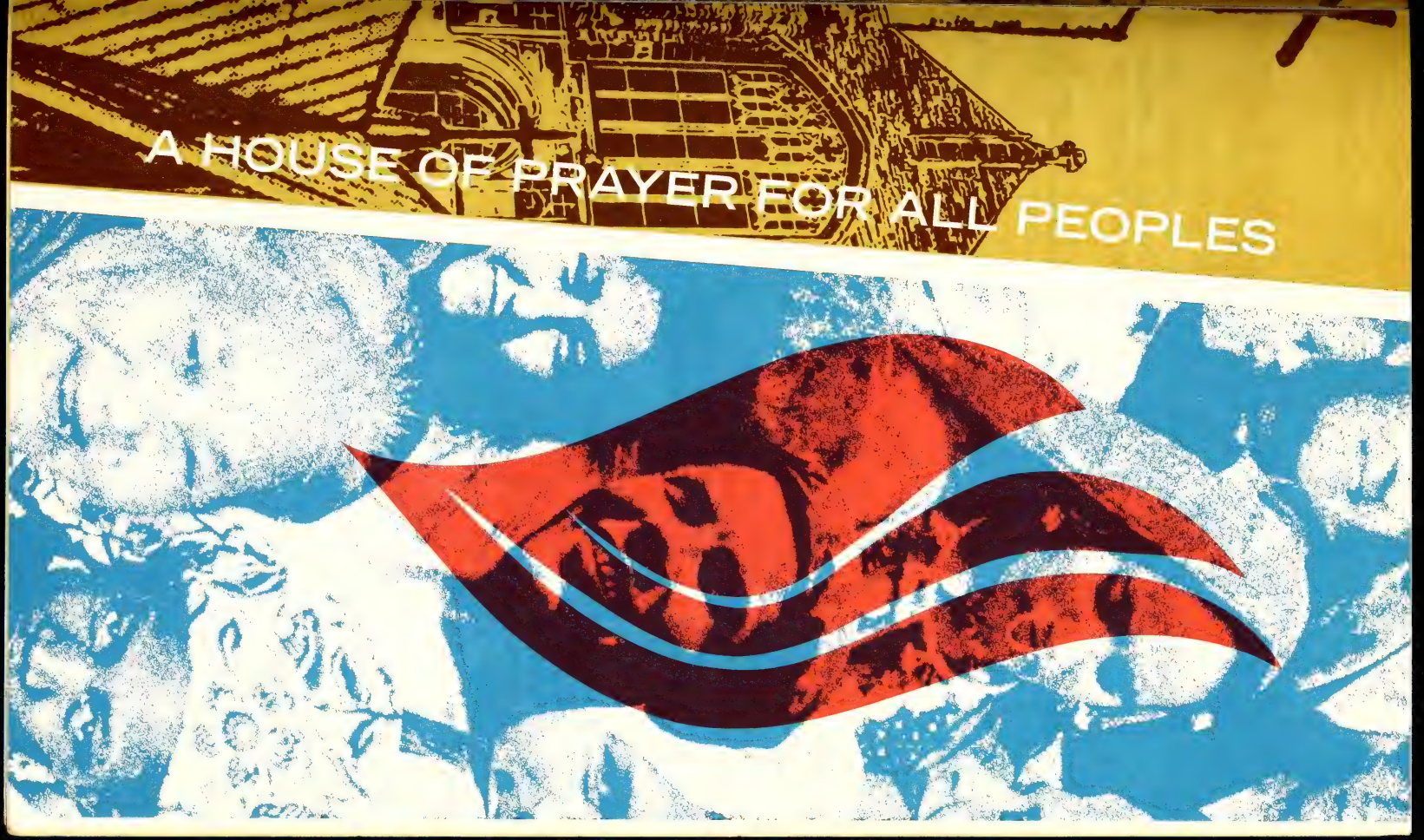
He may be only twenty-one and he may sit in jail for four months waiting to be tried for petty theft. If so, he'll lose four months of work and possibly his job. Since petty theft is a minor crime, the bail is low, but not low enough for him to pay it; nor can he raise collateral to use a professional bondsman. A church member from the Wider City Parish, an ecumenical ministry in New Haven, Connecticut, walks into the jail and posts bond for him. Both walk out together, the accused trying to figure out what strings are attached and what promises he has to make. Finally, he asks, "What do you want from me?" "Only that you'll show up for your trial," is the reply. "Why do this for me?" "I'm concerned about you," is the answer, "the church is concerned about you. We'll take your word that you'll appear for trial. If you don't,we forfeit the bond." They face each other, the accused not knowing what to say, and both go their separate ways.

Since the Wider City Parish began its Bail-Bond Program three years ago, over 236 people charged with minor offenses have been released. It is a special kind of support which the church offers to the alleged offender. Since there are no strings attached, he or she is truly free to choose whether to run away or to stay and face the music. In 97% of the cases, the person has stuck it out. The church regains its investment, but, more crucially, it places trust in the person who is set free. What is your church doing for people in your community — with no strings attached?

Jill Schaffer
Support Agency
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A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES

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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music

August 17, 1975 9:30 a.

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Martin

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living G
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer p. 5
* Hymn 64 "All Creatures of our God and King" (st. 1,
THE LIVING WORD
The Bulletin Message
Lesson from the Old Testament Isaiah 56:6
Lesson from the New Testament Matthew 15:21-
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Responsive Prayer (insert
THE SPOKEN WORD
Message of the Morning Mr. Hollingswort
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
* Our Thanks The Doxolog
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn of Dedication 375 "Lead On, O King" (st. 3
GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest in memory of their parents, Mr. Homer J. Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roland Longest.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Miss Edith Brannock. Greeters of the Day are T. L. Smith and Miss Elna Huey.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE is held early today in order that those who so desire also can attend the Elon College Summer Commencement at 10:30 in Whitley Auditorium. Senator Ralph Scott will give the commencement address.

WE ARE PLEASED to have Mr. Kenneth Hollingsworth as our guest speaker today. Ken is an Elon College graduate now working with the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

TODAY: Senior Hi Youth will remain following our Service of Worship. They will present some "Shalom Music" at the Edgewood Manor this afternoon at 2:00... Children, youth, and adults are invited to join us on the college field at 4:00 this afternoon for a game of softball.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING, the Music Committee invites you to a Church Family Ice Cream Supper and Song-fest.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. E. C. Rumbley and Jack O. White at Memorial.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Willard White Family upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Ila Farrell White on August 14.

THIS WEEK, our women will assist with the Meals on Wheels program.

THE ADULT CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday evening at 7:30.



FOR ALL PEOPLES

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 17, 1975**

Isaiah 56:1-7

In the writings of Isaiah, those who keep the Temple are urged to gather outcasts and make them joyful in its gates. The Gospels picture Jesus heeding the plea of a "woman of reproach" that he heal her child. Paul tells Jews and Gentiles in Rome that both have access to God's life. So we in God's household must be inclusive. The church must not, by intent or default, exclude persons of *any* race, class, age, or degree of learning. By deliberate policy and aggressive search, it must become and be "a house of prayer for *all* peoples."

THANKS FOR GIVING THANKS!

More than $90,000 from the Family Thank Offering, an ongoing program of the United Church of Christ which is used to support a variety of special ministries, was used in 1973 to fund projects in Appalachia. Because our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries helped to found the Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA), it was natural to channel the funds through this agency. Your Thank Offering gifts helped to make possible:

- A community-sponsored early-childhood educational program in rural, impoverished areas of Campbell and Claiborne counties, Tennessee. This program was initiated by the Mountain Communities Child Development Centers, Inc., in an area where more than 40% of the population lives below the poverty level.
- New primary health-care services which are accessible to rural people. This was done through the Mountain Peoples Health Council, Inc., in Eastern Tennessee.
- A variety of economic-development projects are creating small businesses in wood products, furniture, handicrafts, and pig raising. These programs were promoted by a self-help task force which CORA brought together.

In such practical ways as these, your Family Thank Offering gifts are put to wise and needed use each year. For your giving thanks, those who have received now say, "Thanks!"

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A RESPONSIVE PRAYER

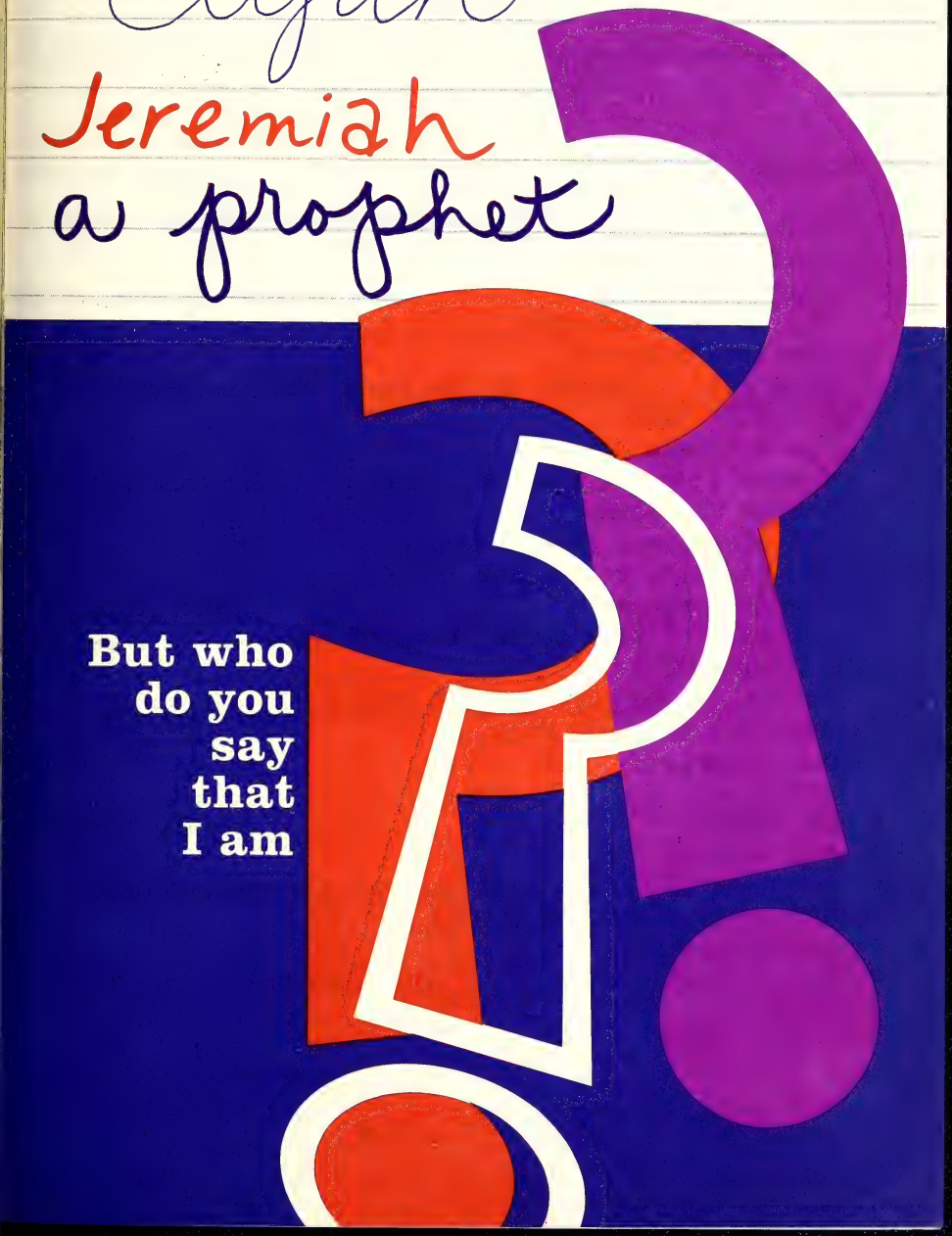
ALL: We thank you, God, for everyday things:
Leader: For food and drink,
PEOPLE: for land and air and sea,
Leader: for clothing and housing:
PEOPLE: For families and homes,
Leader: for useful things,
PEOPLE: for beautiful things;
Leader: For schools,
PEOPLE: for jobs,
Leader: for public services;
PEOPLE: For skills,
Leader: for strength,
PEOPLE: for health;
Leader: For routines,
PEOPLE: for surprises,
Leader: for entertainment;
PEOPLE: For something to do,
Leader: for time off,
ALL: for each other.
Leader: Help us, now, never to take any of this for granted.
PEOPLE: Remind us daily that no everyday thing is ordinary;
That everything supplied for our need and our delight is a special gift from our extraordinary God,
ALL: Praise him! Amen.

John the Baptist

Elijah

Jeremiah

a prophet



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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
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August 24, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio for Sonata II Mendelssohn

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit We Praise Thee, O God
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer p. 513
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

THE LIVING WORD
The Bulletin Message
Lesson from the New Testament Matthew 16:13-19

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen
Anthem Sing to the Lord of Harvest Willan

THE SPOKEN WORD
Sermon On this rock, I will build my church

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Ariosa Bach
* Our Thanks The Doxology
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. T. A. Boland by the Family.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Ice Cream Supper and Song-Fest
Those who want to help make ice cream should come by 6:30. We plan to eat about 7:00. Afterwards we will be singing some of the songs and old hymns you request. Everybody come!

THE SALARY COMMITTEE, appointed by the Board of Deacons, meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evening at 7:30.

NEXT SUNDAY is Promotion Sunday in our Church School. The promotion celebration will be held at 9:45 in the Parish House. Special music will be presented by the elementary children. Bibles are to be presented to third graders and new teachers will be introduced. Refreshments will follow. There is a class for each of us.

DEVOTIONAL AIDS for September-October are available in the narthex.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Dr. Leon Edgar Smith on August 19 in Danville, Va. Dr. Smith was pastor of our church from 1932 to 1946. Memorial Services were held August 21 in Whitley Auditorium.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 1975

Matthew 16:13-20

You can put off making up your mind about Jesus. But you cannot put off making up your life. You can toy with opinions about him, seek to keep him safely at arm's length. But, hourly, you must decide and act. Your decisions and actions show faith or unfaith in Jesus. He is the Great Physician. Do you help to heal human hurt? He is the Bread of Life. Do you work to relieve world hunger? He is the Teacher concerning eternal life. Do you learn his Way? He is the King of Peace. Do you act for peace? Who is Jesus for you — an irrelevance? or your Lord?

UNITED IN OUR RESPONSE

When the Church of North India (CNI) recently needed a doctor to develop the concept of public health in the hospitals related to it, one name immediately came to mind: Dr. Ronald Seaton. Dr. Seaton and his family had been missionaries at St. Luke's Hospital in Vengurla from 1956 to 1970. The call was channeled through three of the North American denominations related to the CNI.

The result of this call for help was unique and historic. For the first time ever, the overseas mission boards of the United Presbyterian Church (for whom Dr. Seaton had previously worked), the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ joined in appointing Dr. and Mrs. Seaton to missionary service. In a joyous service of appointment and dedication in Indianapolis, the heads of the three missionary-sending organizations joined in formalizing the relationship.

All around the world, denominations which have had historic relationships with their North American counterparts have merged their formal church organization in church unions in response to mission opportunity. It well may be that Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Seaton are pioneers in what could become a more common practice of a united response when churches overseas request our help.

This message is prepared for joint use by the United Presbyterian Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ.

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in return for
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August 31, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Trio for Organ Walthe

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Tallis' Cano
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer p. 51
* Hymn 13 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"
THE LIVING WORD
The Bulletin Message
Lesson from the New Testament Matthew 16:21-2
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amei
Anthem Go Not Far From Me, O God Zingarell
THE SPOKEN WORD
Sermon If you want to be on the team...
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory In Thee is Gladness Brahm
* Our Thanks We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us with thy Blessing"
GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Choral Response God be with you till we meet agai

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome the coaches and players of the 1975 Fighting Christians of Elon College. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. K. K. Hughes. Greeters of the Day are J. M. McAdams and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder.

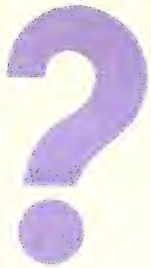
OUR LITURGIST of the morning is Rev. Steve Caddell, Campus Pastor of Elon College and an associate member of this congregation.

TODAY: Young people in grades 7, 8, or older who wish to be acolytes are asked to meet with the Pastor this evening at 7:00.

THE FALL SEMESTER "The Sunday Church School, as a lay institution, can provide a means whereby the generations can come together to share a sense of belonging to a community of faith, to nurture the development of their religious affections and retell the story of God's action in history and His/Her people's struggle to respond faithfully". (quote by Dr. John Westerhoff, Jr. Emablings, July, 1975)

A new year and a new semester begins next Sunday. For the next five months we will explore together the concept of "Growing in the Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual". Come grow with us. 9:45 each Sunday morning.

OTHER: The church office will be closed tomorrow morning...Articles for "The Torch" are due by Tuesday morning...Devotional guides for September - October are available in the narthex...The Adult Choir rehearses Wednesday evening at 7:30...College students are asked to provide their new addresses to the church office as soon as possible.



what shall a man give...

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 1975

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus points to a Day of Judgment when, if we have lost the health of our soul, there is nothing we can offer to buy it back. He also points to present times of decision, action, and judgment. These are moments that constantly recur. In them, bit by bit, we lose or gain our soul — a talent for wonder, time for love, the will to be just, compassion for those who know want, who hurt, who suffer oppression, the longing for eternal life and for fellowship with God. To gain and hold on to these things is to possess richer treasure than if we owned the whole world.

CHURCH LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

"All the functions of the Council for Church and Ministry, the Council for Lay Life and Work, the Committee on Theological Education, the Theological Commission, and the Commission on Worship have been received and are being fulfilled," Reuben Sheares reports. The Rev. Reuben A. Sheares is executive director of our new national instrumentality, the Office for Church Life and Leadership (OCLL), which now succeeds all of these former agencies.

What is this new agency now doing? Well, first of all, it embodies a new awareness of our oneness in the church — clergy and laity together. Through its new publication, *Church Leaders Bulletin*, OCLL is sharing material which will be of interest to all lay leaders and pastors of local churches. In addition to materials prepared by our own denomination, the Council is providing information about a variety of other resources prepared by other denominations and by secular organizations. OCLL is also moving toward a new style of cooperation between seminaries and churches as it seeks to work on the problems of recruitment and placement of church professional workers. Special attention is being given to the need for recruiting and placing more women and more persons from minority groups.

All told, the future for the Office for Church Life and Leadership looks bright as it settles into its new responsibilities.

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Jane Alexander and Melanie Artley, Acolytes

September 7, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE God Whose Bountifulness is Great Peeter

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Tallis' Canc
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
THE LIVING WORD
The Bulletin Message
Lesson from the New Testament Romans 13:1-1
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Ame
Anthem Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise Thima
THE SPOKEN WORD
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth (st. 1-4
Sermon How Much Do You Owe?
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Aria for Organ Kreine
* Our Thanks We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 464 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"
GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the highes

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Sophia Sharpe Powell by her Family.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior High Youth
5:00 Cub Scout Planning Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons
7:30 Executive Board of Women's Fellowship

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet Monday evening September 8 at 7:30 in the Parish House for the first meeting of the year. The devotional and program will center around "What Does The Lord Require" led by Mrs. Fred Young and her committee. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Becky Boone of Durham.

IN THE NARTHEX, there are copies of Daily Devotional Guides and Youth Magazine for your use. Please notice also the photographs from ordination and baptismal occasions.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a fall clinic for church officers and leaders, sponsored by our association, to be held at Beverly Hills Church next Sunday from 2:30 - 5:00.

REMEMBER the special offering for the Newton Retirement Home. Our goal for this year is $800.

THE NEW SEMESTER in the Church School begins today. We invite children and adults to join us each Sunday at 9:45 in our explorations.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 7,1975**

Romans 13:8-10

John Wise, "The Father of American Independence," was a Yankee pastor in the late 1600's and early 1700's who fiercely advocated church democracy and political liberty. He taught that all civil law roots in God-given rights and in mutual love. It is the duty of government, he argued, to cultivate humanity, assure every individual's civil liberty, and protect the life, freedom, honor, and estate of all, without inflicting loss or injury on any. These ideas struck popular fire in his day. In time, they found their way into our Declaration of Independence.

ON THE ALASKAN FRONTIER

The Trans-Alaskan Pipeline is being built by men and women who live in isolated work camps in Northeastern Alaska. Most make more money than they've ever made before. They eat well and live in facilities designed to provide them with every possible comfort. Then, stepping outside to face temperatures which are often below zero, they work twelve-hour-a-day shifts. The labor is exhausting, and it means separation from families and loved ones.

To provide religious activities and pastoral counseling services in the construction camps, the ecumenical Alaskan Christian Conference is sponsoring a chaplaincy program. The Conference sends chaplains out to the camps to bring workers together for worship and for the sharing of Christian concern. A lot of time is spent by the chaplains helping men and women communicate with others in the camps and with their distant families. It is a ministry of concern to those on one of the last lonely frontiers of our land.

Since the inception of the program over a year ago, chaplains from more than six denominations — yours included — have participated. They are working together in an ecumenical way, giving groups and individuals who have never worked together before a chance to share a common labor and love.

Jill Schaeffer
Support Agency
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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WHETHER
WE LIVE
OR
WHETHER
WE DIE,
WE ARE THE LORD'S

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Greg Price and Jay Updyke, Acolytes

September 14, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Lead Me, Lor
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting
* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
THE LIVING WORD
The Bulletin Message
Lesson from the New Testament Romans 14:1-1
Anthem My House Shall Be Called of All Nations
THE WORD OF PRAYER Titcom
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Ame
THE SPOKEN WORD
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision" (st. 1,2
Sermon No One Lives for Himself Alone
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Elegie Peeter
* Our Thanks The Doxolog
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 404 "Take My Life and Let It Be..."
GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the highes

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. J. Fred Young.

TODAY: 2:30 Church officers and leaders fall clinic at Beverly Hills Church
3:00 Senior Hi Youth
4:00 Junior Hi Youth in Choir Room

THE CHURCH-WOMEN'S Fall Enrichment Meeting is Friday at First Christian Church, beginning at 9:30. Bring a sandwich. The host church will serve a salad, beverage, and cookies.

A WORKSHOP on Christian Growth will be held at First Christian Church September 22-24, from 7:30-9:30 each evening. The Torch provides more complete information.

REMEMBER the special offering for the Newton Retirement Home. Our goal for this year is $800.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

HOSPITALIZED: Scotty Law at County

THIS is the week our women assist in distributing lunches for Meals on Wheels.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:30. New voices are always welcomed.

WELCOME TO ELON STUDENTS AND FACULTY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 1975

Romans 14:5-9

A black cleaning woman was made first assistant to physician/psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, who cares for terminally ill children in a Chicago hospital. The cleaning woman was promoted because of her great ability to give peace and courage to dying children. She gained that ability by surviving life in a ghetto and by mastering the bitterness of having her three-year-old child die in her lap in the office of a doctor who did not come. Christ survived suffering and death. Consequently, he is able to give us peace and courage, "whether we live or whether we die."

TWIN PROBLEMS: OVERPOPULATION AND UNDERPRODUCTION

Paul and Jean Walther, missionaries of the United Church Board for World Ministries working in Tacloban City in the Philippines, look at rural life-development in that troubled land as an effort which is needed to meet the twin problems of overpopulation and underproduction of agricultural products. "On the one hand," they write, "we continue in a strong program of food production and rural development, as food requirements for the country increase and the bite of unprecedented inflation keeps the masses of the people plagued with the problem of maintaining good health and the fulness of life. On the other hand, we work with local and national agencies in family-planning promotion, education, and implementation. In the major cities, massive family-planning programs are being undertaken by governmental and private agencies."

The Walthers are well qualified to handle these twin problems. Paul is an agriculturalist with degrees from Iowa State and Oklahoma State Universities. Jean is a registered nurse with degrees from the University of Arkansas, Iowa State University, and Evangelical Hospital School of Nursing in Iowa. The Walthers have been working with colleagues of the United Church of Christ of the Philippines since 1965.

Family-planning education and food production are both high priorities for our United Church Board for World Ministries. They have to be in a world which, according to recent studies, will double in population in the next 25 years! Unless food resources are increased and population expansion is curbed, the year 2,000 will be one of tragedy for the whole human family.

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stand firm in one spirit...
striving side by side for the faith

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September 21, 1975 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Jesu Meine Freude Ba

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Lead Me, Lo
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 584 "Ye Servants of God"

THE LIVING WORD
The Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:1-
The Bulletin Message
The Epistle Lesson Philippians 1:21-
Solo Alleluia Moza
Maurine Gminder, Soprano

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Am

THE SPOKEN WORD
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 209 "Abide With Me" (st. 1,
Sermon Striving Side by Side

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Chorale for Organ Your
* Our Thanks The Doxolog
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highes

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THE ALTARS FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. William Barbee.

TODAY: 4:00 Senior Hi Youth will rehearse "Shalom".

A WORKSHOP on Christian Growth will be held Monday through Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30, at the First Christian Church. Sessions will focus on children's work, youth work, young adult work, marriage enrichment, and charismatic gifts. Rev. Rinker and Miss Grubb are among the leaders. Please try to attend.

A FAMILY NIGHT covered-dish dinner is scheduled for next Sunday evening at 6:00, sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. They will want you to meet Jackie Sampson and Bill Snotherly, our Elon College student interns.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS for eighth graders will hold its first session on Saturday morning at 10:30.

HOSPITALIZED: Jane Rinker at Memorial.

REMEMBER the special offering for the Newton Retirement Home. Our goal for this year is $800.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:30. New voices are always welcomed.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet next Sunday evening at 7:00 in the Choir Room.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 21, 1975**

Philippians 1:21-27

The church at Philippi began as a small group that met in the home of a business woman. It grew rapidly, but along with added strength came internal dissension. So, from prison in Rome, Paul wrote to the Philippian Christians encouraging them to "stand firm in one spirit...striving side by side for the faith." Self-centered Christians and congregations fragment the church and cripple its mission. We Christians must work together — denominationally, interdenominationally, internationally — striving for the faith to the glory of God.

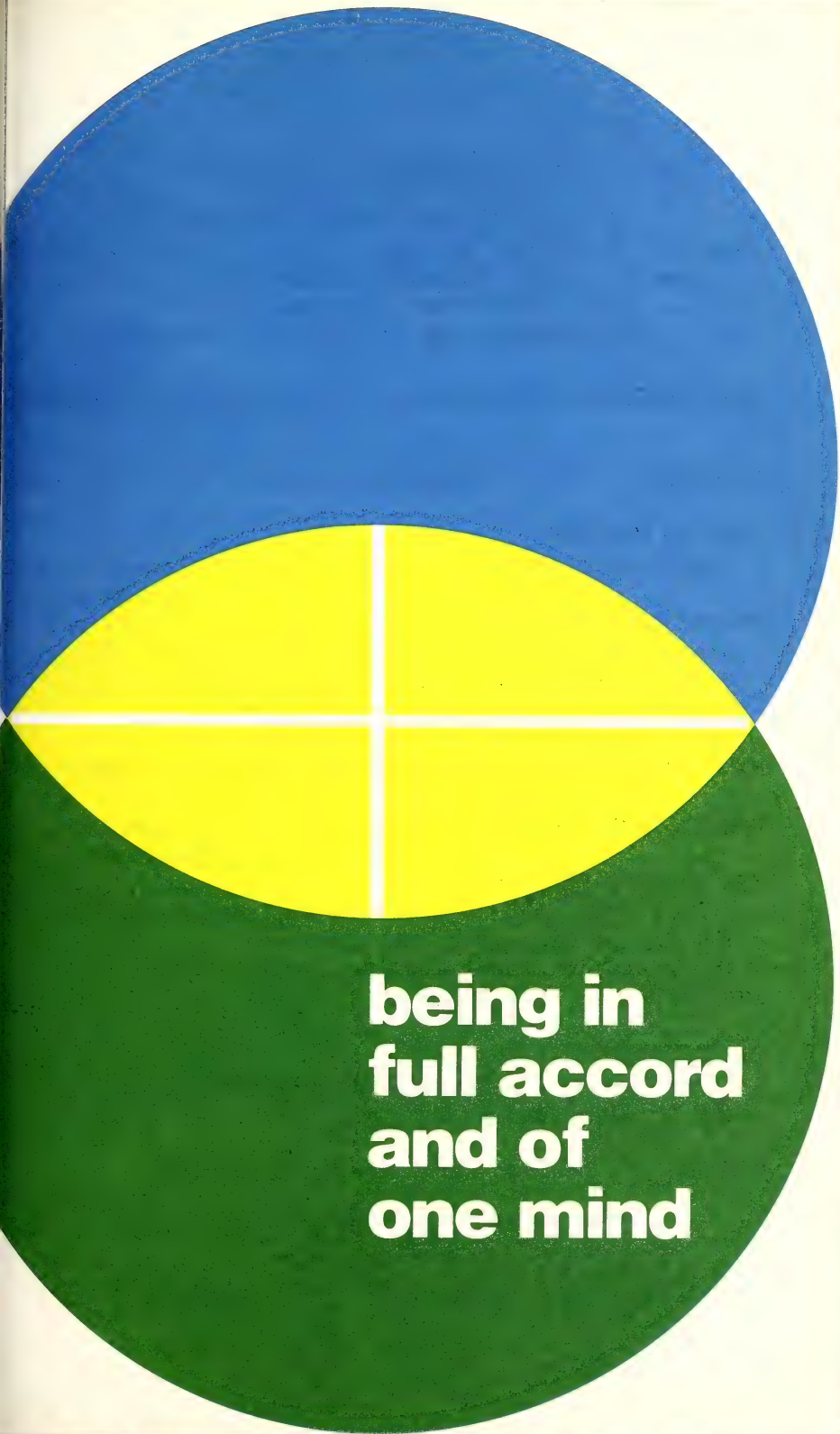
A BIRTHDAY AND A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Many members of the United Church of Christ observe at least two "birthdays" in our denomination — June 25, 1957, when the U.C.C. held its uniting General Synod in Cleveland,and the other which marks the beginning of one of the four denominations which formed the U.C.C. For those who come from the Reformed Church side of the family, 1975 marks an important historic occasion — a 250th birthday.

On October 15, 1725, a schoolteacher, John Philip Boehm, at the urging of a group of German Reformed people then residing north of Philadelphia, celebrated communion for the first time at Falkner Swamp. There were 40 communicants at the service. Within a few months, two other congregations were founded, and four years later Boehm legitimatized his ministry by being ordained at the hands of Dutch Reformed ministers from New York. Shortly thereafter he noted that in Pennsylvania there were eight Reformed congregations and nearly 400 members. Such was the creative power of the Gospel which the schoolteacher preached a quarter of a millenium ago!

Today, too, men and women of faith and devotion are preaching the same Good News. Congregations are still being founded. Communion is still being celebrated. This year, many who share the Reformed heritage will celebrate communion on their "birthday," using one of the oldest Protestant liturgies, the Palatinate Liturgy of 1563, which Boehm used 250 years ago. There is a growing appreciation within the United Church of Christ that the several strands of our heritage provide us all with occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of the past, to acknowledge the opportunity for new ministries in the present, and to hope for greater fulfillment in the future.

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September 28, 1975 Christian Education Sunda

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Congregational Response (Statement of Fait
paragraphs 6,7

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting
Gratefully, we hear your promises, O God;
Faithfully, we come to you as you come to us;
Joyfully, we receive you as Emmanuel,
God with us. Amen

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Philippians 2:1-1
Ephesians 2:14-2

THE MORNING PRAYERS
Prayer Hymn 333 "Father Almighty Bless Us..."
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THE OFFERING
Offertory Organ Interlude Scheit
The Doxology and Prayer

SERMON Look To Each Other's Interests

SHALOM FOR YOU AND ME
Shalom Chaverim
Let There Be Peace on Earth

This Land is Your Land
I Want to Teach the World to Sing
What the World Needs Now
Impossible Dream
In Remembrance
Everything is Beautiful
They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love
Pass it On

BENEDICTION

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Jr., by Miss Mary Lee Foster.

YOUTH who are leading in our Service of Worship today are: Jane Alexander, Susan Barney, Jim Byers, Jane Danieley, Lynne Fogleman, Esther Gminder, Joseph Gminder, Nathan Gminder, Olga Griswold, Patsy Griswold, Joy Hamilton, Cindy Rinker, Sharon Rinker, Jane Updyke and Jay Updyke.

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:00. Please bring a covered dish. Table service and beverage will be provided by the Christian Education Committee.

OTHER Senior Hi Youth meet at 3:00 today...Our pastor will participate in the Service of Installation for Rev. Charles Terrell as pastor of the St. Paul-Keller Charge this evening at 7:00...Les Wagoner is a patient at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Following our Worship Service, the pastor will meet briefly with eighth graders who will be in the Confirmation class.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 197

Philippians 2:1-1

We humans rarely live in full accord with each other. We have penchant for personal vanity and petty rivalry that usually shows up i the life of the little and the large communities into which we gathe This vanity and rivalry can seriously blight and hobble our institutions That happened in the church at Philippi. Thus, Paul's gracious appeal t the members of that church should find our ears open to its counse "Let Christ support you and his presence give you strength so that yo may attain full accord and be of one mind."

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Next Sunday will be the occasion in many congregations of the Unite Church of Christ for receiving the annual Neighbors in Need all-churc offering. This offering is used to support projects which help ou "neighbors in need" here in the United States of America. This year, th offering will:

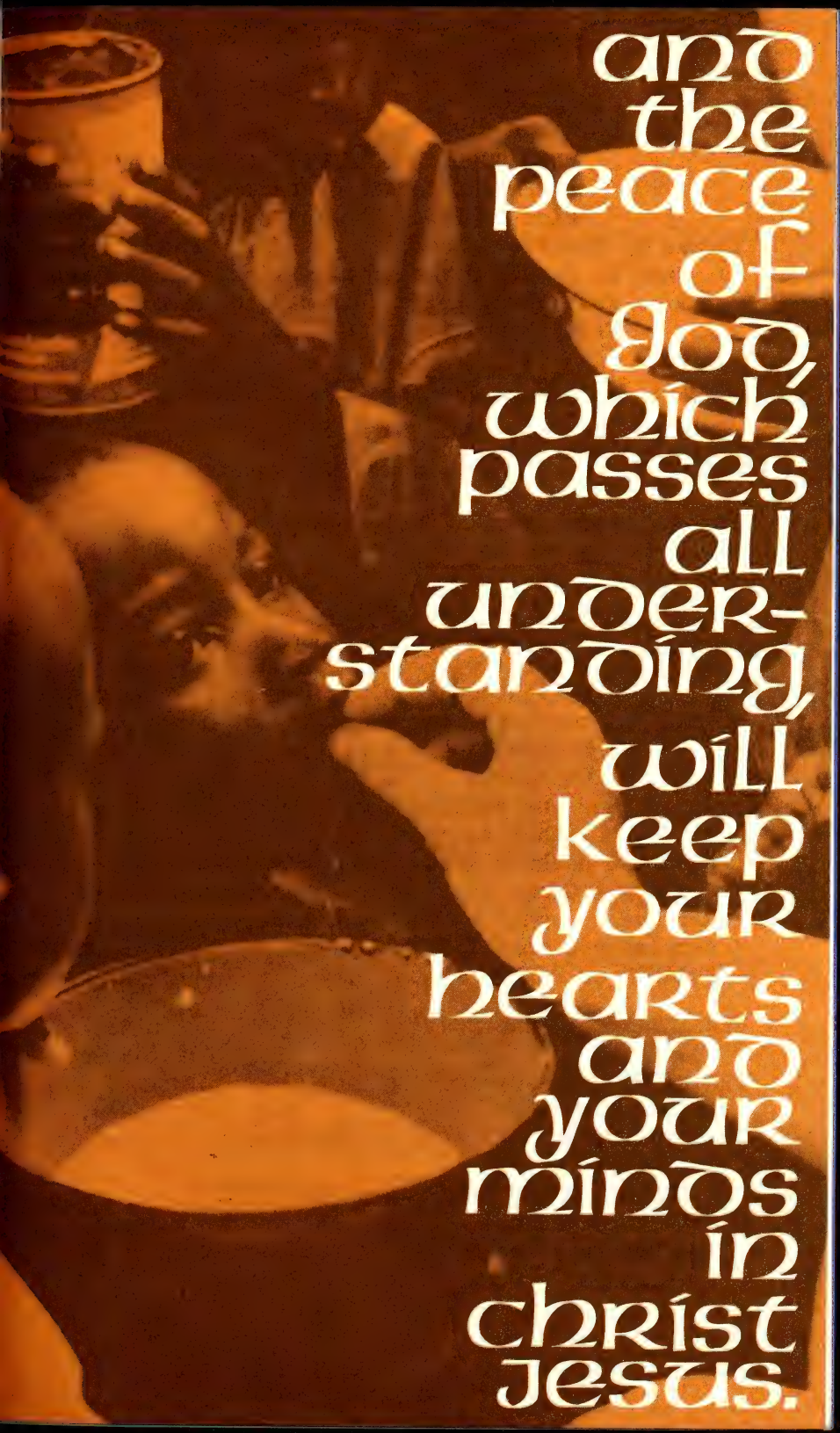
- Help malnourished children, mothers, and the elderly to obtai nutritious food.
- Assist people on welfare to better their conditions and to find new opportunities.
- Enable elderly people to secure the rights and dignity of senio citizens.

In many cases, governmental services exist which can help th malnourished, assist people on welfare, and enable senior citizens, bu a problem still remains: many people who qualify for these services d not know that they exist; others do not know how to obtain them Someone must make these services known.

Why should the church take this responsibility upon itself? The church is concerned about people; it cares about the fact that people in need are not receiving the services to which they are entitled. Furthermore, the church is an institution whose integrity is well established; therefore people are all the more likely to accept the church's help in finding and obtaining services. Finally, the church already has the organization necessary to pull together information and disseminate it to those who are in need.

Thus, your participation in the Neighbors in Need all-church offering says loud and clear that our church, like our Lord, cares about all sorts and conditions of people who are in need. Plan to give generously to help bring these services to your neighbors in need this year.

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October 5, 1975 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Bac

*HYMN OF FAITH 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

People: Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; return to the Lord, for he will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and against each other. We have followed too much the pathway that was easy and done whatever we desired. Grant your mercy as we express regret. Receive us again as we would endeavor to go forth serving you more faithfully, in the name of Christ.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Luke 13:22-3
Philippians 4:4-

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed, p. 51

* The Gloria Patri

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem Beneath the Cross of Jesus

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON From the East and West and North and South

COMMUNION HYMN 280 "Be Known to us in Breaking Bread"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of the Elements
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN 97 "God of our Life"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response God be with you till we meet again

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard A. Hunter by Dorothy H. Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
3:00 Pictorial Directory Phone Committee
7:00 Board of Deacons

THE CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week.

OTHER: The ENC Association Meeting will be held Wednesday in Raleigh...The Adult Choir will not rehearse this week...The Children's Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Bragg, will begin on October 15. Rehearsals will be at 3:15...Reservations may still be made for the James O'Kelly drama on October 12 and 19.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. H. H. Cunningham. Greeters of the Day are Elna Huey and P. R. Mann.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 5, 1975**
World Communion Sunday
Neighbors in Need All-Church Offering

Philippians 4:4-9

The peace of God is not given to people who live on Easy Street to make their lives easier. Jesus speaks of such peace on the eve of his death. Paul writes about it from prison. It comes to those who seek truth, care for others, are reconciled to neighbor, and justified by God. Such peace is not an isolated experience. God gives wholeness of self within wholeness of family, church, community. His peace lies beyond human cleverness, planning, and comprehension. Yet, it is available to all who open themselves to accept what God so graciously offers.

THREE "NEIGHBORS IN NEED" NEED YOU

Christopher Margoli, four years old, eats only two meager meals each day. Christopher's mother works in a shoe factory. The job doesn't pay much, but "it's better than taking welfare," she says. The Margolis don't have much money for food or for any of the other necessities of life. If Mrs. Margoli only knew, she could get food stamps to stretch her income — if she only knew!

Stephen White is out of work — again. He has been laid off from his construction job and has waited as long as four hours at the State Unemployment Office only to be told, "Nothing today; come back next week." If Stephen only knew, he could get low-cost training in welding which would enable him to qualify for more job opportunities — if he only knew!

Mrs. Mabel Rabinowitz is ninety-two. She lives alone in a tiny one-room apartment. She has no family and most of her friends have already died. Mrs. Rabinowitz often wishes she would die, too. She has nothing, no one, to live for any more. If she only knew, she could have someone look in on her once or twice a week and give her a telephone call more often, someone who would listen to her complaints and to her dreams, someone who would care — if she only knew!

If they only knew, life could be so much better for these, your neighbors in need. And you can help them to know. This year's annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering will help people to learn what kind of help is available to them and will help them to get it. Your generous gift will help malnourished people, will assist people on welfare, will enable elderly people to get the help they need with dignity. Give to the NIN all-church offering today!

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October 12, 1975 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Passacaglia in A Minor Walther

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Psalm 24:3-5 Mr. Snotherly
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Thank you, God, for showing us in human face and loving action how your great power is exercised in patience and mercy. Gladly we come to worship. Bless us here with the strength to do your will. A
Choral Introit Tallis' Canon
* Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9
Anthem Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach
New Testament Reading Philippians 4:12-20 Mr. Cadde

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lor

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 380 "March On, O Soul, With Strength"
Sermon The Inside Story Mr. Hamilton

PRAISE THROUGH SHARING
Offertory Solo The Call Vaughan-Williams
(Tim Price, Baritone)
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

Benediction

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us on this Homecoming Sunday. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Church Hostess today is Mrs. Ed Simons. Greeters are Dr. J.E. Danieley and Bill Blanchard.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Lyon, and her father, Mr. G.D. Turner.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:15 Confirmation Class

ASSISTING as liturgists of the morning are Bill Snotherly, our Elon College student intern, and Rev. Steve Caddell, Elon College campus pastor.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for grades 1-5 begins Wednesday at 3:15. Youth Choir for grades 6-8 begins next Sunday at 3:00 followed by Middle Hi Youth Fellowship at 4:00.

OTHER: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scruggs whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here on October 10...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bland upon the death of his father on October 9... Please receive your envelope containing quarterly financial statements in the narthex before you leave today.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 12, 1975**
Laity Sunday

Philippians 4:12-20

There is Christian grace in giving. There is comparable grace in receiving. In his experience with the Philippian church, Paul encountered both graces. They sent him several "love offerings" to facilitate his work as an unsalaried apostle. Written from Roman prison, his last letter was a thank-you note to Philippi. "I am paid in full!" he exclaims. "And you — because you gave with open hands, out of his magnificent riches in Jesus Christ, God will put into your open hands everything you need." Gracious giving opens us for gracious receiving.

LEADERSHIP OF THE LAITY ISN'T NEW

"The laity started it all," said Dr. James E. Wagner, former co-president of the United Church of Christ, as he reflected upon the coming celebration of the 250th anniversary of the first German Reformed communion in the United States. There being no ordained minister, the people at Falkner Swamp, thirty-five miles from Philadelphia, prevailed upon schoolmaster John Philip Boehm to be their pastor. Another layman, elder William DeWees, papermaker from Wissahickon, founded the church at Whitemarsh, and accompanied Boehm to New York for Boehm's ordination by the Dutch Reformed Church. In Lancaster County, Conrad Templeman, a tailor, began preaching and teaching. These men became circuit-riding pastors to still other congregations where the lay people carried on church life between the pastoral visits.

A hundred years earlier, the Mayflower brought the first group of Pilgrims to the New World from Leyden, Holland. These early Congregationalists were also led by a layman, William Brewster, a one-time postmaster turned printer. In similar ways the beginnings of the Christian Church and of the Evangelical Church also depended in their early days upon the zeal and faithfulness of lay men and women.

The importance of a trained and educated clergy is not to be denied, but without the laity there would be no church. At every level of our church life — local, conference, and national — teachers, homemakers, lawyers, government employees, business executives, industrial workers, and farmers hold positions of real responsibility among us. Today, national concern for the training and resourcing of these lay leaders in the United Church of Christ is administered by our Office for Church Life and Leadership, which also is now responsible for the continuing education and professional functioning of the clergy. Together we are the "people of God."

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October 19, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Fantasia in G Kreige

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Help us, our Father, that in our worship our lips will praise you, our thoughts will honor you, and our prayers will accord with your will. Amen
Choral Introit All Praise to Thee
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 100
Anthem "The Lord is my Shepherd" Cair
New Testament Reading I Thessalonians 1:1-5, 5:14-18

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lord

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 98 "My God, I Thank Thee..."
Sermon We Give Thanks To God

PRAISE THROUGH SHARING
Offertory Trio for Organ Walther
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. James B. MacDonald in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. James B. MacDonald, Sr.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
3:00 Youth Choir (grades 6-8)
4:00 Junior Hi Youth
5:15 Confirmation Class

PLEASE REMEMBER your appointment to be photographed for our Pictorial Church Directory on October 26 or 27.

FAMILY NIGHT Square Dance for UNICEF sponsored by our Senior Hi Youth is next Sunday evening at 7:00 in the Parish House. Admission is 75¢ for adults and 50¢ for children. The Senior Hi Youth also will take the kindergarten through second graders trick-or-treating for UNICEF from 2:30-4:00.

OTHER Please receive your envelope containing quarterly financial statements in the narthex before you leave today...Women's Bible Study is Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Connie Howard is a patient at Memorial...A brief congregational meeting to approve the 1976 proposed budget will follow our Service of Worship next Sunday... The children's choir for grades 1 through 5 rehearses Wednesday at 3:15.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 19, 1975

I Thessalonians 1:1-5

The fledgling church at Thessalonica was full of raw recruits from idolatry who were suffering persecution by fellow townspeople. Some of them were losing their courage. Some had relapsed into paganism. Some were deeply perplexed. But most had stood firm. The church was lively and growing. So Timothy, Silas, and Paul address warm praise to the church: "you have become a model for all believers." In your church, are there people whose steadfast loyalty merits your praise? And you, are you among those whose faithfulness deserves similar commendation?

THE EFFECT OF ONE CHURCH'S GIFT

A new science building stands on the campus of Dansalan College in the Philippines as evidence of the effect of one church's gift to the 17/76 Achievement Fund of the United Church of Christ. The gift, $3,375, was part of the 17/76 contribution of Pierce Congregational Church, a small rural congregation near Scranton, North Dakota.

It was natural that the members of Pierce Church should want to designate part of their 17/76 gift for Dansalan College, for a son of the congregation, Lloyd Van Vactor, and his wife, Maisie, serve at Dansalan as missionaries of the United Church Board for World Ministries. Dansalan, a secondary school, 95% of whose students are Muslim, is one of the few Christian institutions still able to work effectively and creatively in southern Mindanao. Hostilities between Muslims and Christians resulted in armed conflict which has continued in this area since 1972. Dansalan reaches out into the wider community through medical clinics, adult literacy programs, and agricultural extension and development projects.

The gift from North Dakota came at just the right time. An earlier grant from the Netherlands had enabled the school to begin construction of a greatly needed new science building. Construction costs, however, soared beyond expectations and nearly $50,000 was needed to complete the building. An additional gift from the Netherlands was to be provided only if the school could show additional sources of support. The 17/76 Achievement Fund gift, including $1,000 from a fund established in memory of Lloyd's Aunt Alma, a charter member of the North Dakota congregation, provided such additional support and made the difference. Dansalan's new science building is the evidence of the effect that one church's gift can have.

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October 26, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Jesu, Meine Freude Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
O God, let the words of our lips and the very thoughts of our hearts be acceptable to you, for you are our strength and our redeemer. Amen
Choral Introit Lead Me, Lor
* Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 45:2-
New Testament Reading Matthew 22:15-2

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lor

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
Sermon 1975 Protestants

PRAISE THROUGH SHARING
Offertory Anthem Praise To God, Immortal Praise
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Benediction

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Worden J. Updyke, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Overton.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the purpose of adopting a 1976 Church Budget will follow our Morning Worship.

TODAY: 12-6 Photographing for Pictorial Directory
2:30-4 Sr. Hi Youth will take Kindergarten through second graders Trick-or Treating for UNICEF
3:00 Youth Choir for grades 6-8
7-9 Family Night Square Dance for UNICEF
7:00 Worship Committee

TOMORROW: 3-9 Photographing for Pictorial Directory

OTHER: Articles for The Torch are due tomorrow morning...The Children's Choir for grades 1-5 rehearses Wednesday at 3:15...The Women's Bible Study is Wednesday morning at 10:00...The Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee meets Thursday morning at 10:00...Mrs. Ola Overton is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

PLANS FOR THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

1. The Torch this week will include information and pledge cards.
2. Pledge cards may be returned next Sunday.
3. Canvassers will call Nov. 9 on families who have not yet submitted pledges.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — October 26, 1975

Reformation Sunday

I Thessalonians 1:2-10

Traditional Christian belief rests on faith in God who made heaven and earth and raised Jesus from death. Such action shows him to be living and true. For us, however, the crucial question is not only, "Did God make the world and raise Jesus?" but, "Can God remake our world and halt our apparent race toward global death?" If God is not to remake and rescue us, the doomsday scenarios that foresee the collapse of our civilization may be accurate. If God will change and save us, then we can work with courage and wait in hope to be delivered "from terrors to come."

REFORMATION TODAY

Reformation Sunday commemorates the life and work of Martin Luther. His strong faith and constant search for church renewal have had great influence in the history of Christianity. Luther's Ninety-Five Theses for church reform, popularly believed to have been nailed to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, on October 21, 1517, symbolize the efforts of other committed Christians to renew their life in faith as individuals and as the gathered community of the church. Such persons as Zwingli, Calvin, and Knox are considered giants of church reformation and were related in different ways to Luther's efforts.

But we celebrate more than past events today. Reformation Sunday is a time when we recognize the need for church renewal in every generation — yes, every day. Each one of us has an opportunity in this moment to seek new life in faith, and to find new experiences in love and service.

Just as our bodies are constantly renewing themselves, so does the church — the body of Jesus Christ — seek to renew itself as an effective instrument of God's love and reconciliation in the world. The church needs persons of Martin Luther's stature, but the church also needs you and me to work in the never-ceasing process of finding new ways to express God's love in Jesus Christ.

Richard B. Jones
Board of Higher Education
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

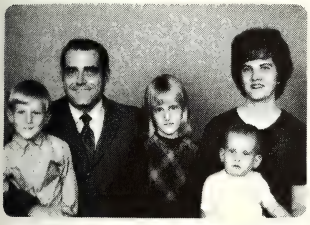
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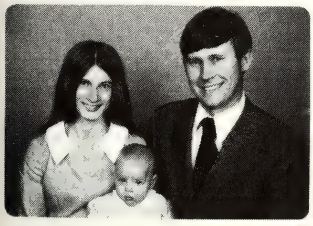


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November 2, 1975 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in D minor Ba

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Summer Ended, Harvest Ov
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all unitin
Our Father, prepare us for choices among important priorities. As we worship, strengthen us in sens and spirit to choose wisely. Amen
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-1
Epistle Reading II Corinthians 8:1-
Anthem Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Hornibroo

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lor

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 384 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"
Sermon Who is Prepared?

PRAISE THROUGH SHARING
Offertory Adagio in G Mendelssoh
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

Benediction

Choral Response God be with you till we meet again

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schmidt in memory of his mother, Mrs. Maria Van Volkon.

TODAY 3:00 Youth Choir (grades 6-8)
3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:15 Confirmation Class
6:30 Helpers for the Every Member Canvass
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is Wednesday morning at 10:00.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Ola Overton at Memorial.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is in process of developing a report for our November 23 congregational meeting. Your suggestions are welcomed. Members of the committee are: George Noah, Earl Vickers, Marsh McLelland, Howard Edgerton, and Gladys Hughes.

The Every Member Canvass

1. Pledges toward the 1976 church budget may be submitted today or next Sunday.
2. Those who prefer may have canvassers call in your home next Sunday afternoon.
3. Co-chairpersons are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 2, 1975**

I Thessalonians 2:7-13

What happens when God's word works in us? The work of that word differs in each of us. But this is certain: God's word changes us. It gets in our eyes and the world looks different — full of wonder and of need. It gets into our conscience and we get new concern for what is right. It gets into our minds and we worry less about ourselves, care more about others. It changes our affections, drawing us together for worship, service, and mutual support. God's word gets into our feet, sending us everywhere to speak the word and act for it in daily life.

"YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! GIVE!"

Next Sunday will climax the annual Christian Enlistment in many congregations of the United Church of Christ. The theme this year is, "You Can Make A Difference! Give!"

This is the time in the local church's Christian Enlistment when all of us are asked to "make a difference" in the lives of others through our commitment to give through the church in the name of Christ. And our giving can make a real difference — in our own community, in our nation, and around the world. Our dollars can help to bring the Gospel to people, liberating them from the bondage to ignorance, illness, injustice, poverty, and despair.

Consider also that there is a kind of "cycle" of giving in which each one of us participates. Reflect for a moment upon what others — our parents, family, friends, teachers, forebears in the faith and in the community — have given to us. Their giving has made a real difference in our lives. In a sense, their giving enables us to give. Just so, our own giving does more than just help people, important as that is; it enables others to be giving, too. Thus we share in the humanizing process of life.

Caring and giving are at the heart of the Gospel. Generous giving aids our growth as Christians and has a multiplying effect in the lives of others. "You Can Make A Difference! Give!"

C. David Langerhans
Secretary for Christian Enlistment
Stewardship Council
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November 9, 1975 11:00 a

PRELUDE Organ Prelude J.S. B

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore T
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniti
Remind us, Lord, of the things we mean to do and the ways we mean to mend. Renew in us a right spirit for our worship now and for our work in the world. Amen.
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Commissioning of Canvassers
Anthem My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff Children's Cho
THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Reading Mark 8:11-
Epistle Reading Philippians 2:1-
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Am
PRAISE THROUGH SHARING
Offertory Anthem Open Our Eyes Macfarla
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Prayer of Dedication
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father" (st. 1,2,
Sermon "Why do you talk about having no bread?"

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Benediction

Choral Response God be with you till we meet again

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THIS AFTERNOON, canvassers will be calling in homes to solicit pledges toward the 1976 church budget. We believe that with total participation the budget can be pledged in full.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
3:00 Youth Choir
4:00 Junior Hi Fellowship
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:00 Worship Committee

FAMILY NIGHT is next Sunday evening at 6:00. Bring a covered dish. Beverage and table-ware will be provided. Dr. Durward Stokes will share historical insights on the "Christian" Church. A special children's hour will be directed by Mrs. Updyke.

OTHER Women's Bible Study is Wednesday at 10:00... The Christian Education Committee meets Wednesday at 11:00...Mrs. Ola Overton is a patient at Memorial... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... Congratulations to Mike and Gale Wallace, adoptive parents of Jeffrey Charles Wallace on November 4.

AS WE BEGIN our Every Member Canvass today, 58 families have already submitted pledges of 42% of our goal:

	Pledged	Budget
Current	15,607.	40,359.
Benevolent	4,711.	7,300.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — November 9, 1975

Stewardship Sunday — Matthew 25:1-13

There are occasions when enjoyment outranks duty. Members of Palestinian wedding parties were absolved from religious duties and from studying holy books. But some joys come only if we have prepared for them. In Jesus' parable, faithful stewards profitably invest their master's money and thus win his praise and a promotion. At the Last Judgment, daily generosity gains eternal joy. The maids who make it through the door to the wedding feast are those who have their lamps ready. Alert stewards of the gospel inherit the joys of God's kingdom.

SEEN ANY HEAVENLY WINDOWS LATELY?

"People who tithe seem to be able to make the rest of their money go further," is an observation made by many, including some outside the church. How can such a strange phenomenon be explained? Are we to take literally the words in the book of Malachi that God will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing?

I haven't noticed any heavenly windows opening lately, although some UFO enthusiasts may have reported seeing them somewhere. My explanation begins with the idea that tithers make the other 90% of their money go further because they have their values straight. They have decided that kingdom goals take top priority. Such a decision obviously affects their giving to the church, but the amazing thing is that it affects their other spending as well.

With clear values and accepted goals, a whole family can share in the crucial decisions which shape a spending plan. Deciding how much to spend on recreational outings, stereo equipment, and a shiny machine in the driveway becomes easier. Housing, food, and clothing expenditures are seen in a different perspective, too.

The basic value decisions which tithing involves serve to liberate people from enslaving consumerism. Liberated people make wider decisions, and wise spenders are able to make their money go further.

In these days of economic crunch, every family needs to exercise wise spending. The place to begin is to clarify the family's values and goals. Your family may decide that tithing reflects your basic values. If you do, you may find yourself sneaking an occasional glance upward to try to spot those windows of heaven.

Robert J. Hempfling
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CANVASSERS 1975

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Let her works praise her in the gates



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November 16, 1975 11:00 a

PRELUDE Song of Praise Mendelss

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Summer Ended, Harvest O
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
We come, our Father, not to press our plans on you but to hear again your strengthening Word. Let that Word speak to us in our worship that we might serve more faithfully, in Christ's name.
* Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King" Amer

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-
Epistle Reading I Thessalonians 5:1-
Anthem When First the World Began Pasq

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Am

PRAISE THROUGH SHARING
Offertory Trio for Organ Walth
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 217 "Lord of all Hopefulness"
Sermon What to do when you receive talents you didn't ask for

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 381 "My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff"

Benediction

Choral Response God be with you till we meet again

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TODAY: 3:00 Youth Choir
3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:15 Confirmation Class
6:00 Family Night

THE FAMILY NIGHT at 6:00 is a covered dish supper, followed by a bicentennial look at the "Christian" Church. Dr. Durward Stokes will be our guest. A special children's hour will be directed by Mrs. Penny Updyke. Beverage and table ware will be provided.

OUR JUNIOR HI YOUTH are holding a retreat this weekend at Camp Frontier. The twelve young people are accompanied by Jackie Sampson, Bill Snotherly, and June Grubb.

A REPORT is to be made today by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake who co-chaired our Every Member Canvass. We thank them and all others who have worked toward the success of this project.

NEXT SUNDAY, following our Service of Worship, a brief congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of electing members to offices, boards, and committees.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Minnie Hook at Memorial.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 16, 197

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-3

Let us now praise famous — women! Laud Lydia, the business woma who helped to launch the Philippian church. Cheer the leading wome of Thessalonica who, hearing Paul argue for Jesus' Way, forthwith joi ed up. Praise St. Theresa: author, reformer, initiator of the Carmelite Hail Mary Lyon. Defying bias against women in higher education, sh founded Mount Holyoke College. Salute Lydia Niebuhr, mother theological giants, Ione Catton, gadfly for Christian mission, Coret King, battler for justice. Let all their works praise them in the gates!

A BRIDGE BETWEEN CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN JAPAN

Dick and Martha Lammers of Morioka City, Japan, see their work as mi sionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries in terms being facilitators and bridge-builders. They are responsible for progra and development at the 40-year-old Morioka Christian Center, a proje of the Oou Conference of Japan's United Church of Christ (Kyodan The Center is a bridge between the church and Japanese society. I *Zenrinkan* ("Good Neighbor Building") is a place where Christians an non-Christians can meet and work together on common goals. Th Center has five full-time staff persons with sixteen others working up t 30 hours a week.

What is the result of all this work? The sale of Christian books ha topped 10,000,000 yen ($33,333) per year. Over 300 persons are cu rently enrolled in weekly English classes — from grade-scho youngsters to grandparents. There are meetings for parents, private co sultations, special summer classes, a telephone-answering service, lending library of books and study tapes. The Center provides Englis editing services for doctors, professors, and researchers writing for in ternational journals or conferences. Instructors from the Center coac students headed overseas and teach English classes in churches, i church kindergartens, and in a semi-annual city adult-education pro gram. A monthly worship service in English is held, followed by potluc supper and fellowship. This community-serving program for the 5 Kyodan congregations at the northern tip of Japan's main island serve an area where there are only 3 or 4 Christians per 1,000 population! Yo support this important work through your giving to *Our Christia World Mission.*

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IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE

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November 23, 1975 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Give Thanks to God the Father Schmi

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Summer Ended, Harvest Ov
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
O God, we are grateful for the Thanksgiving seaso
May all your continuing gifts be occasion for our thanksgiving. As your mercies are new every morning, so may our praise burst forth each day and hour. Amen

* Hymn 462 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-4
Epistle Reading James 1:12-2
Anthem Sing to the Lord of Harvest Lovela
(Adult and Children's Choirs)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Thinking and Thanking God
Choral Response Lord of all, to you we raise thi
our hymn of grateful praise.

PRAISE THROUGH SHARING
Offertory All Things Bright and Beautiful Wrigh
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 440 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
Sermon Every Day is Thanksgiving

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 460 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

Benediction

Choral Response God be with you till we meet again

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TODAY: 3:00 Youth Choir
3:00 Senior High Youth
5:15 Confirmation class
6:00 Seekers' Church School Class is having a spaghetti supper in the Parish House. A Nursery will be provided for younger children.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the purpose of electing officers, committees, and boards follows our Service of Worship today.

YOU ARE INVITED to join with us in our annual contribution to the Elon Home for Children. We have adopted a minimum goal of $400. Offering envelopes are available in the narthex.

FURTHER: Bessie Sloan is a patient at Duke Hospital...The church office will be closed on Thursday...Next Sunday is the first day of Advent.

227 FAMILIES have now submitted 1976 pledges as follows:

	Pledged	Budget
Current	29,172.20	40,359
Benevolent	6,850.	7,300

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 23, 197

American Indian Sunday I Corinthians 15:20-2

"In Christ shall all be made alive." Such faith testifies that, in Christ, the cosmic forces of death were conquered by the Creator of life. It assures us that God, who raised Jesus from his grave, will raise us from ours. It illuminates life in the present tense. The risen, living Lord gives eternal life *now*. Adam's sin initiated humankind into a society alienated from God and addicted to death. Jesus' resurrection offers us restored harmony with God and new life in the context of a new humanity *if* we live by faith in the risen Lord.

SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

On occasion, some American Indian activists have spoken harsh and bitter words about the first Thanksgiving in 1621. Why shouldn't they? As American Indians look back to the beginnings of the European invasion of the continent which once was theirs, they see the destruction of Indian culture, freedom, and power before the inexorable forces of "civilization." Who can blame them for saying, "Thanks for nothing!"

But look again at this heritage which is at once a national observance and a religious one of special meaning to those of us who are heirs of the Pilgrims. As other American Indians have noted, including many related to the United Church of Christ, when the Pilgrims landed — they were met by Indians who greeted them in friendship. Squanto taught them how to plant the corn which would tide them over the harsh New England winters. With Massasoit they established a treaty which was far advanced for its time. The Pilgrims did not just usurp the land; they bought it. Each side agreed to refrain from harming the other; they agreed to come to each other's support in case of attack, and they did just that for forty years. Indeed, the treaty was kept without violation until Massasoit died. Unlike many other pioneers, the Pilgrims never violated the treaty. We have had difficulty keeping up that high standard, yet its provision of mutual respect and justice is something we must return to, particularly on this day of special concern for American Indians.

And that beginning is something to be thankful for! Through your gifts to the American Indian Sunday offering you can remember the first Thanksgiving in more than a superficial way. Your gifts will enable the Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ to undertake a variety of programs that serve the needs of Indians in North and South Dakota and in Wisconsin, Indians living on reservations as well as those residing in towns and in large urban centers across the land. Meeting problems of joblessness, alcohol abuse, and family disintegration head-on, CAIM is an integral part of our denomination. This Thanksgiving, think of these people whose forebears were the first Americans and give thanks for something — something important and good. Give thanks and give generously!

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November 30, 1975 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Christ the New-born Savior Comes Walth

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Of the Father's Love Begott
*PROCESSIONAL 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting
O God, our Father, no other time fills us with such joy and hope as does this season. Help us to use this period of Advent to prepare ourselves for Christmas, thinking thoughts and doing deeds that will make us more fit for his Coming. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 63:16-64
* The Gloria Patri
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Twofold Ame
ANTHEM Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Praetoriu

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candle
* Hymn 119 "As With Gladness Men of Old"
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Siciliano Bac
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON You Better Watch Out
New Testament Reading Mark 13:31-3

YMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the highest

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ODAY: 3:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:00 Active and prospective acolytes
7:00 Senior Hi Youth go ice skating

HE ADVENT SEASON begins today. The violet paraments are in use; the Advent star is in place; and the Advent wreath is decorated. Advent hymns and Christmas carols announce the coming of Christ.

N ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will be held the next two Sundays during the Church School hour. We urge the attendance of those who would like to become members of our church family. New members will be received December 21.

FFERING ENVELOPES for use in 1976 are available in the downstairs hallway. If you will secure yours, you can save us the cost of mailing.

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Benevolent	7,129.00	7,300

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT **November 30, 197**

I Corinthians 1:3-

During Advent, we hang greens in stores, string lights on eaves, fi wreaths to doors, decorate evergreen trees, send greetings, go to par ties, shop for gifts. But, for the Christian, Advent is more than this. Fo one thing, it is a time to relive Israel's ancient hope: Amos' call fo justice and not empty worship, Hosea's faith in God's steadfast love Jeremiah's vision of God's universal rule, Isaiah's hope of a Sufferin Servant whose wounds heal us. Such reliving enables us more fully t experience again the mystery of Jesus' birth and present life.

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I Corinthians 1:3-9

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December 7, 1975 Second Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Shepherds, Trees, Fields, Rejoice Nevin

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:3-
Choral Introit O Come Emmanue
*HYMN 352 "Lift Up Your Hearts"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting
Lord, there is much that deafens our ears to the sound of angel anthems, much that blinds us to the sight of guiding stars. But, if in this holy place we can welcome you with all our soul and strength, then bless us through Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:1-
* The Gloria Patri
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Twofold Amen
ANTHEM Stars of Ice Chinese Carol

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candle
* Hymn 140 "What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest"
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory The Divine Infant Nevins
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON God Moves a Little Closer
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-9

*HYMN 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Glory to God in the highest

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TODAY: 3:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal
3:00 Senior Hi Youth
4:00 Middle Hi Youth
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE ELON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL will be Tuesday evening at 7:00 in front of Town Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, our choirs will present a Service of Christmas music, including carols from many nations, under a theme of "United in Christ".

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. Mrs. Bragg will lead the program and Mrs. Young the devotional.

OTHER The Parish House Wreath is given by the Tan and Toil Garden Club...Caroline Powell is a patient at Duke...Again, welcome home to Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Sloan after 3½ years in Zambia and two weeks at Duke Hospital. They are now houseguests of Dr. and Mrs. Hurst until their home is refurbished...You are invited to sign the card in the narthex as a way of sending Christmas greetings to your fellow church members.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Health and Welfare Sunday

December 7, 1975

II Peter 3:8-14

Is there hope for a world where politics seem to run on bribery, business on greed, international relations on self-interest, and religion on wish-fulfillment? Given our world's technology, population, and resources, our fate may be famine, fascism, and atomic war — unless a power beyond us intervenes. Christians look for such intervention. God's time-scale differs from ours. God may seem to do nothing about the world. But, in Jesus, God's reign is already here. Jesus is God's "pledge" that the kingdom *will* come "on earth as in heaven."

YOUR MINISTRY TO THE ILL AND AGING

Few people can walk through life without a helping hand. One way in which you offer your hand is through the health and welfare institutions of your church. One such institution, The Bensenville Home Society, is located in a western suburb of metropolitan Chicago. What does Bensenville mean to those whom it serves?

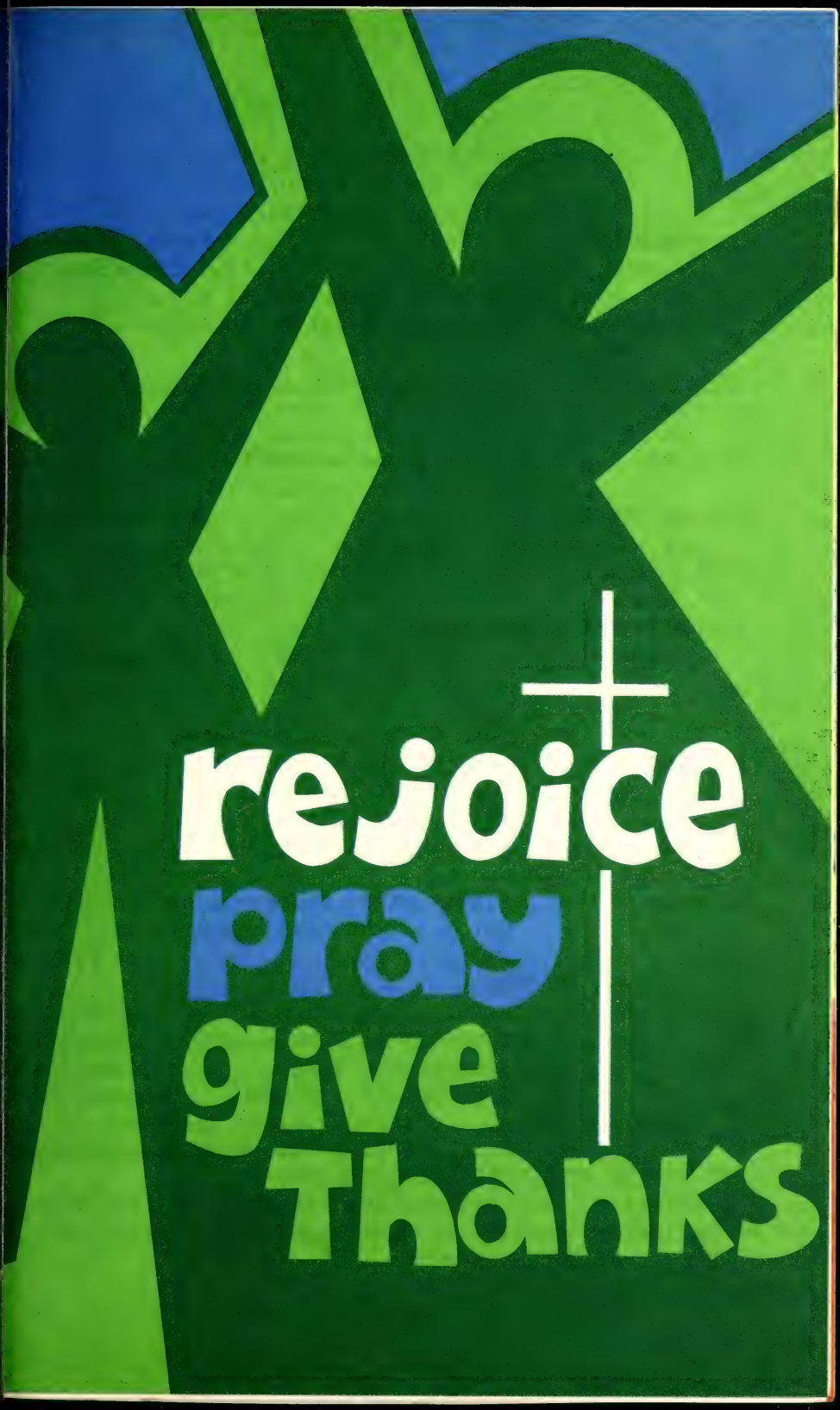
- An elderly woman, unable to care for herself since a recent fall and now living at Bensenville, says, "It was hard to give up my home and belongings and to admit dependence on others...but gradually the pain eased and I realized I was where I needed to be — among people who care and love — and I was grateful."

- A foster child, placed by Bensenville with his sister in a home, comments, "It was all so confusing and frightening. And then they took Meg and me away from home and now we're with our foster parents. They're really great, but somehow I keep hoping things back home will improve and we can go back. If not, it's so good to know we have these other parents who really care."

- A widower, recently hospitalized, alone in his home and receiving hot lunches through Bensenville's outreach services, says, "Just waiting for noon and for the arrival of that hot meal gives me something to look forward to five days a week. And as important to me as the food is the chance to visit a few minutes with those friendly people who deliver it."

The Bensenville Home Society, with its residential care for the aged and its family counseling and outreach services for persons of all ages, is one of ninety-six institutions which belong to the Council for Health and Welfare Services of the United Church of Christ. These institutions are supported, on the one hand, by the residents themselves from their income from savings, investments and social security, and from any public funds paid in their behalf and, on the other hand, by conferences, local congregations, and individual members of the United Church of Christ. The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries helps to provide staff services to the Council and helps to coordinate the work of these fine agencies.

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December 14, 1975 Third Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Bac

CHORAL INTROIT Joy to the Worl
Call to Worship
*PROCESSIONAL CAROL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES
Anthems Christmas Child Children's Choi
Away in a Manger

THE WORLD CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

England	Hymn to the Virgin	Britte
	Masters in This Hall	G. Hols
	Lullay, My Liking	G. Hols
France	The Divine Mystery	Poulen
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
Germany	Silent Night (combined choirs)	Grube
Russia	Carol of the Russian Children	
China	Stars of Ice	arr. Berglund
THE MORNING PRAYERS		
United States	A Christmas Song	(Puerto Rico)
	Long Ago in Bethlehem	(Moravian)
	Song of the Virgin	(Mennonite)
	I Wonder As I Wander	(Appalachian)
	(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)	
	Go, Tell It On The Mountain	(Spiritual)

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Jesu Christ, The Father's Only Son V.Hulse
* Dedicatory Carol 116 "Angels We Have Heard" (st. 3)
* Prayer of Dedication

*CAROL 120 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response He Rules the World

*POSTLUDE In Thee Is Gladness Bach

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TODAY 2:00 Christmas Family Workshop
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:00 Caroling by the Youth Choir

THE CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORKSHOP is at 2:00 o'clock in the Parish House. Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon making gifts and decorations. We will close the afternoon at 5:00 with the filmstrip, "Tidings of Joy".

OTHER Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sonovick and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith upon the birth of Leigh Suzanne Sonovick December 11... Diane Gerlach is also a patient at Memorial...Families who wish to help the Friendly Service Committee in providing Christmas Cheer are asked to contact Mrs. Fields or Mrs. Richardson...Our ladies will participate in the Meals-on-Wheels program this week...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 14, 1975

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

During the Second World War, Russians forbad worship by their war prisoners. But they regarded Christmas as a cultural holiday and allowed its celebration. One Christmas, some of their prisoners set up a star-topped tree, made Christmas presents out of found objects, and gathered to exchange gifts and to remember God's most lavish gift. Forbidden to pray in Jesus' name, they joined in Christmas carols that rejoiced in his birth and celebrated his presence. In all circumstances we can find ways to "rejoice...pray...give thanks."

GIVE GLORY

When faith flowers in good works, when a pastor helps to lift the burden of the weak or gives guidance to the confused or reveals God's love, it is like a light turned on. Many such lights have been turned on by persons honored by the annual Christmas Fund sponsored by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ. They have been light bearers with a ministry to give glory to God through their lifetime of preaching, prayer, worship, and service. Now retired, these ministers and their spouses still provide a radiance by which we see the church's mission today. They still give glory!

Some of them have special needs that often go with aging. Many of them are limited by illness, infirmity, loneliness. Some have lost a husband or a wife. All of us grapple with extra-budget burdens today, but many retired ministers are especially injured by inflation. We remember 800 of these senior servants with a check made possible by your gift to the Christmas Fund.

Active clergy facing unforeseen emergencies also are helped through your Christmas Fund gifts channeled all year long through the Pension Boards' Emergency Fund. They, too, have given glory by their service.

Now it is your turn. Your gifts to the Christmas Fund will help you to fulfill the scriptures' call to let the good you do now "give glory to God."

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ADULT CHOIR

Sopranos
Gertrude Barney
Lois Bost
Jane Danieley
Lynne Fogleman
Maurine Gminder
June Grubb
Jane Hamilton
Peggy Lackey
Vicki Price
Kathy Wobus

Altos
Susan Barney
Winifred Barney
Susie Brown
Melva Foster
Esther Gminder
Olga Griswold
Joy Hamilton
Jane Haviland
Penny Updyke

Tenors
Wes Alexander
Dave Bragg
Paul Cheek
Bill Ellis
Joseph Gminder
Jeff Price
Al Primm

Basses
John Barney
Jim Brown
Nathan Gminder
Tim Price
Louis Wilkins

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

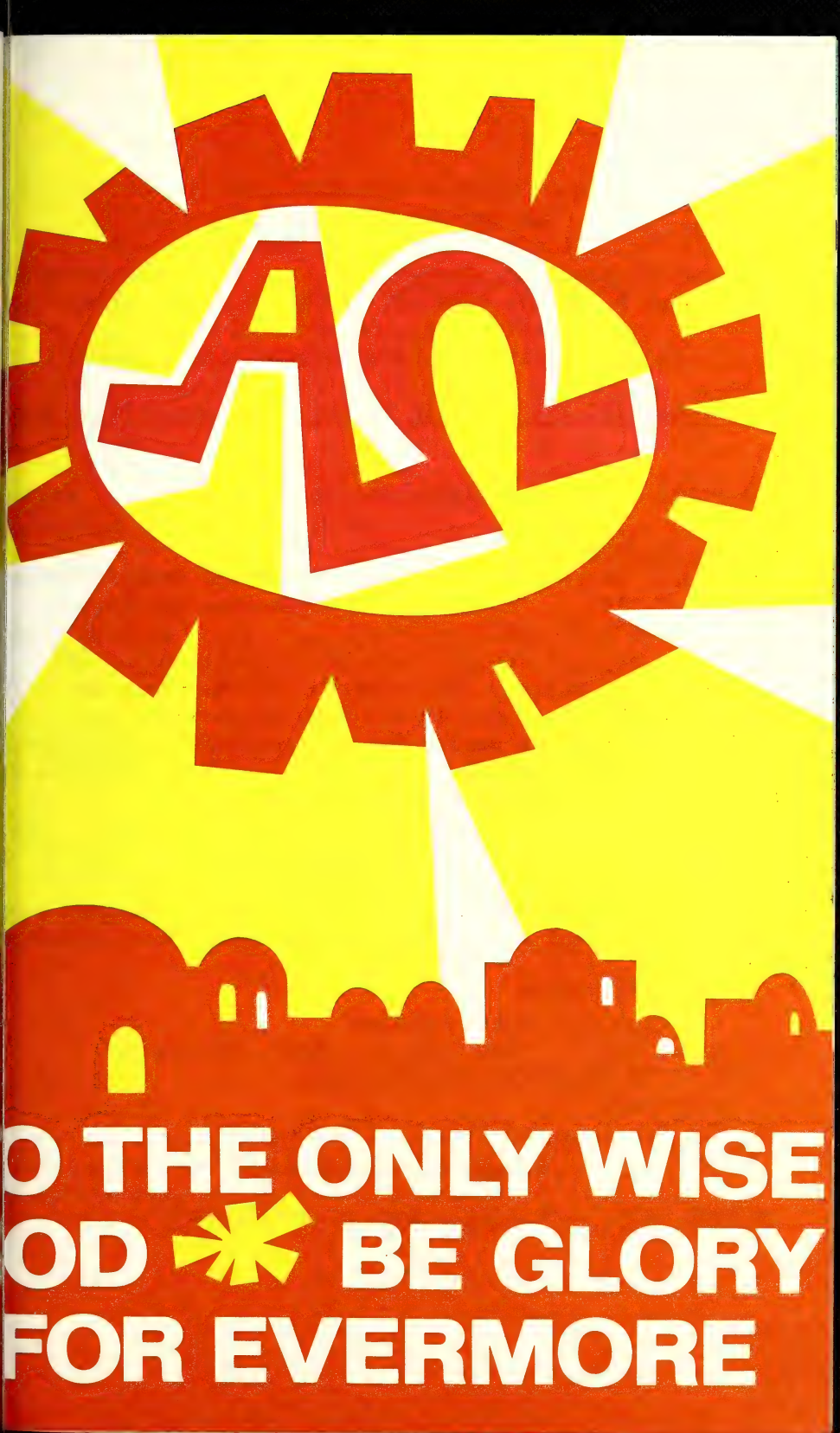
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Gray Lackey
Nancy Schultz
Andre Wilkins
Charles Wilkins
Kristin Wilkins
David Young

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING at 7:30 we will hold our third annual Moravian Christmas Lovefeast. There will be a bell choir, brass choir, and other special music. The traditional buns and coffee will be served for this candlelight service.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE Service will begin at 7:30.

THE FRONT DOOR WREATHS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith in memory of Georgie Moore and Lila Newman.

YOU ARE INVITED to sign the card in the narthex as a way of sending Christmas greetings to your fellow church members.


O THE ONLY WISE
OD * BE GLORY
FOR EVERMORE

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-039
June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Melanie Artley and Patsy Griswold, Acolytes

December 21, 1975 Fourth Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Divine Infant is Born Nevin

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit O Come, O Come, Emmanue
* Carol 117 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting)
These days of Advent, days of preparation for the coming of Christ, come toward a close. Help us, our God, not to get in his way, to give him his way. For he is coming for the good of the world.Amen
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:1-20
Reception of New Members
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Twofold Amen
ANTHEM Carol of the Russian Children arr. Treharne

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candles
* Carol 122 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON How Many More Surprises?

*CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response Glory to God in the highest

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Leroy Hughes. Greeters of the Day are T. L. Smith and R. C. Baxter.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the Family.

TODAY: 5:15 Confirmation Class
7:30 Christmas Lovefeast

THE THIRD ANNUAL Christmas Lovefeast, sponsored by the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, the First Moravian Church of Greensboro and our church is this evening at 7:30. The prelude by the brass ensemble will begin at 7:00. The traditional buns and coffee will be served. You are encouraged to come early.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE Service is Wednesday at 7:30. We will sing carols and hear the Christmas Scriptures and a Christmas meditation.

NEW MEMBERS are received today. They are Jim and Marion Underhill and Robert Woody, Jr. by Letter of Transfer and Joel and Delores Barringer by re-profession of faith.

OTHER: The Congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walter upon the death of his father, Frederick H. Walter of Elizabeth, New Jersey...Next Sunday we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at our Morning Worship and in the evening our college students and their guests will gather at the parsonage at 8:00...The church office will be closed December 25 and January 1.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 1975

Romans 16:25-27

Nazareth, the hill village where an angel told Mary of Jesus' coming birth, is now a rest-stop on the road from the Mediterranean coast to Galilee's lakeside resorts. Paul wrote to Rome, the "Eternal City," about the Eternal Christ. Today, the old Roman Forum is a ruin where broken stones stand. But, century on century, Christians discover the grace of the "only wise God" that flows endlessly into life through Jesus. Born in Bethlehem in another age, this Jesus lives here today. In him we rejoice, ascribing to God glory for evermore!

CALENDAR CHRISTIANS NO LONGER

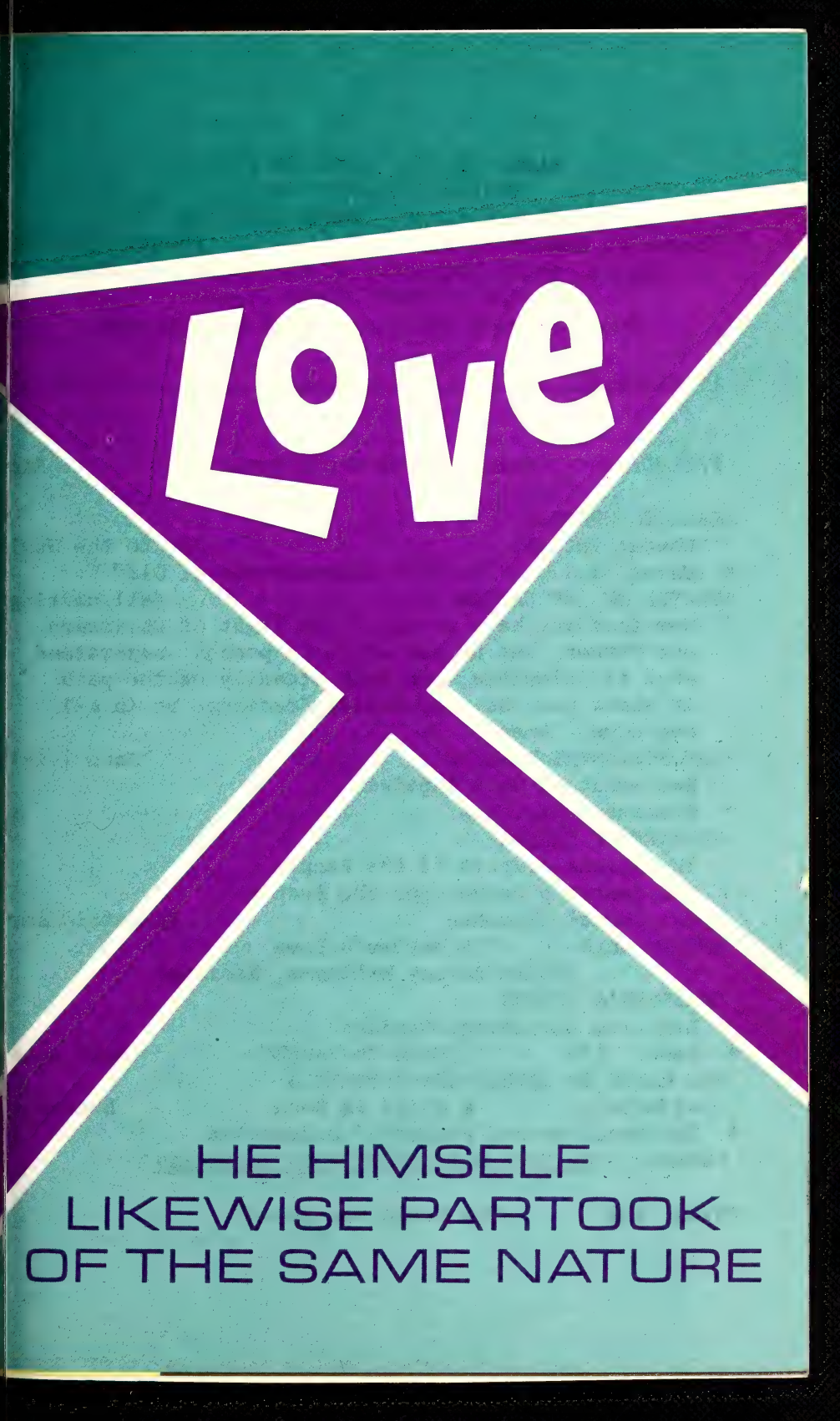
The people of Zaire will not be observing Christmas in an official way this year on December 25th. The president of this vigorous African nation, seeking to emphasize his people's rich and ancient heritage, has decreed that Christmas will be celebrated on June 24, the date that marks Zairean independence. The December date, it is felt, is a Western imposition on African society and a continuing reminder of colonial domination.

Church life in Zaire may well be strengthened by this edict. Now, freed from their dependence on the calendar, the Christians of Zaire may be able to consider in a more serious way the meaning of the advent of Light, Truth, and Love which is all too often lost in the commercialism and sentimentality that have developed around December 25th observances. While it seems likely that most of us will continue to follow the traditional calendar, sharing the Christchild with Santa Clauses and jingling bells and "holiday" festivities, let us — in our minds and hearts — disentangle ourselves from lesser concerns and ponder the meaning of God's love for humanity. While we must live by the familiar calendar, we do not have to be ruled by it, and we may celebrate the wonder of Bethlehem on December 25, June 24, or on 363 other days of the year!

James L. Merrell
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December 28, 1975 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Joy to the Worl
* Carol 119 "As With Gladness Men of Old"
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting
Now that you have revealed the light of Christmas, our Father, let us see where it probes, understand what it illumines, and walk steadily on the path it shows us. So, may holiday radiance be in all our days. Amen.
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:1-1
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
* Statement of Faith
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Threefold Amen
ANTHEM SOLO A Mother's Love
(Ellen Barney Williams, Soprano)
CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candles
* Carol 136 "Down To Earth" (next page)
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory A Child is Born Buxtehud
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON We Dare Not Finish With Christmas

*HYMN 152 "We Would See Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response — He Rules the World

*POSTLUDE — Toccata in F — Buxtehude

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Dewey Holt. Greeters of the Day are Bill Blanchard and E. S. Lankford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Luther G. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollifield and S. Sgt. Julius C. Toney by the Willard G. White Family. A rose is placed on the altar in honor of Lesli Renee Denny.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is given today to Lesli Renee Denny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Denny and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barney.

OTHER We are pleased to welcome back Ellen Barney Williams as our guest soloist today and Maurine Gminder as guest organist...College students and their guests gather at the parsonage this evening at 8:00... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

DOWN TO EARTH (tune 136)

Down to earth, as a dove, came to man holy love:
Jesus Christ from above bringing great salvation
meant for every nation.

Let us sing, sing, sing,
Dance and spring, spring, spring. Christ is here,
Ever near! Gloria in excelsis.

This is love come to light, now is fear put to
flight. God defeats darkest night; giving for
our sorrows hope of new tomorrows.

Let us sing...

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 1975

Hebrews 2:10-18

Love in a cradle, God entering the human family: that is the joyous meaning of Jesus' birth. God came wearing our skin. Exposed to hurt as we are, God can feel with us in our pain. Having been tempted, God is able to help us when we struggle to avoid doing evil and whenever we seek to do what is right. Having fully experienced death, God understands our dread of dying and our grief when our loved ones have died. God became human in Jesus so that, through Jesus, all humans can become godly.

A CENTER OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Satya Wacana Christian University, tucked into the hill country of Central Java in Indonesia, has pioneered in innovative counseling and guidance. The University's Guidance and Counseling Center is the first of its kind in a private school in Indonesia. More than eighty students each month use the Center to discuss their academic or personal problems with understanding, qualified counselors.

The response of the students to the Center has caused widespread interest in other Indonesian schools. More than 180 persons from throughout the country attended a workshop not long ago at Satya Wacana at which they learned about the program and saw the Center. Later, leaders from Satya Wacana traveled to three districts in East Java to share ideas and insights with Christian leaders there on how guidance centers within university communities can serve human values and the students' search for wholeness.

Much of the Center's success can be attributed to the skill and Christian commitment of its director, Aryatmi Siswohardjono, an Indonesian, and her associate, Angela Hope, an Australian. Both women received Master's degrees in counseling, helped by fellowship grants from the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

Indirectly, you have had an important part in the successful Guidance and Counseling Center at Satya Wacana. The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia is an interdenominational agency which receives financial support from ten major denominations in the United States, our own included.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
BURLINGTON MORAVIAN FELLOWSHIP FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS LOVEFEAST
December 21, 1975 7:30 p.m.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE
The Brass Ensemble (on the lawn)
The Sisters' Bellchor
CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilton
Lighting the Advent Candles and the Christmas Candle
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
* Carol 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
SCRIPTURE READING Mr. Livengood
The Moravian Lovefeast Story
CAROLS 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
138 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
117 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"
(The buns and coffee are distributed.)
TRADITIONAL MORAVIAN BLESSING (in unison)
"Come, Lord Jesus, Our Guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee"
ANTHEM Hymn to the Virgin Britten

HYMNS "O Savior of our Race" (insert)
"Softly The Night is Sleeping" (insert)
"Redeemer Come, I Open Wide" (insert)
(The coffee mugs are collected.)
CHRISTMAS PRAYER Mr. Hamilton

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Solo It Is A Precious Thing Peter
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
MEDITATION Mr. Hamilton

HYMNS "Morning Star" (insert)
(Cris Bragg, Gray Lackey, Andre Wilkins,
Charles Wilkins, Soloists)
The congregation sings the words in italics.

* "Christ the Lord Now is Born"
(As the fourth stanza begins, the candles are lifted to symbolize Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.)

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response 130 Joy to the World

*POSTLUDE Glory to God in the Highest Pergolesi

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome all our visitors to this Christmas Lovefeast Service sponsored by the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, The First Moravian Church of Greensboro, and the Elon College Community Church.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the Family.

THE WORSHIP LEADERS include:

J. Earl Danieley and Ken Harper, Greeters
Edrie Updyke and Jane Alexander, Acolytes
The Rev. Mr. C. Jerome Livengood, Pastor of the First Moravian Church, Greensboro
The Rev. Mr. Thomas R. Hamilton, host Pastor
The Brass Ensemble from Burlington, under the direction of Mr. Tom Graham
The Sisters' Bellchor from Greensboro, under the direction of Rev. Livengood
The Dieners of the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, James K. White, co-ordinator
The Choir of the Elon College Community Church, Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director and Organist



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 1975

Matthew 5:13-16

All the light we know comes from the sun in a variety of forms: fossil fuel, hydroelectric power, nuclear power, solar energy—except, of course, for starlight, which is the product of other suns. Jesus commissions his disciples to brighten the lives of other people. But he does more than that. He, himself, provides the light which we may gather and transmit just as we gather energy from the sun, transform it into power, and then transmit it to where it is needed. We Christians can be light for our world, bringing love, meaning, help, and joy to earth's dark places if we find our source of light in Jesus, the Light of the World.

WORK AND WITNESS IN TURKEY

Helen Morgan, principal of the American Academy for Girls at at Üsküdar, Istanbul, is one of fifty missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries in Turkey today.

Ms. Morgan feels that some who question the value of mission work in secular institutions mistakenly assume that servanthood and Christian witness are mutually exclusive. "Life is a fabric—a whole piece of cloth," she says. "Our 'word' falls into place in the daily routine of living."

Helen recalls talking to a Turkish colleague. "I explained how my training and abilities had been in the field of education and language, how I had felt a call to service in Turkey where Western education was both needed and sought. As a Christian, I also felt moved to represent my faith as I believe it should be represented, to dispel, to whatever extent I could, the still prevalent idea that the cross is a symbol of crusading zeal, violence and destruction, political oppression and intrigue. I explained that the cross is rather a symbol of love—the love of God for humanity expressed through the suffering of Jesus—and of God's redemption and forgiveness of humanity."

Missionaries in Turkey, by their presence and by the witness of their work, open doors of understanding and acceptance. The results are measured in changed lives, lives more fully open to the love of God and more deeply committed to the service of people. Work and witness are thus closely related in Turkey as they are elsewhere.

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Christmas Lovefeast

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward men."

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth,
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth;
True Godhead Incarnate, Omnipotent Word;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
Alleluia! hail the King!
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Guiding Star, lend thy light;
See the eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King;
Christ the Saviour is born.

Regent Square

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light:

Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:

Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

West—582C

O Saviour of our race,
  Welcome indeed Thou art,
Blessed Redeemer, Fount of grace,
  To this my longing heart!

Thou art the Life, O Lord!
  Sole Light of life Thou art!
Let not Thy glorious rays be poured
  In vain on my dark heart.

Star of the East, arise!
  Drive all my clouds away;
Guide me, till earth's dim twilight dies
  Into the perfect day.

Warner

Softly the night is sleeping
  On Bethlehem's peaceful hill;
Silent the shepherds watching,
  The gentle flocks are still.
But hark! the wondrous music
  Falls from the op'ning sky;
Valley and cliff re-echo
  "Glory to God on high!"

Glory to God—it rings again;
  Peace on the earth! good-will to men!

Come with the gladsome shepherds,
  Quick hastening from the fold;
Come with the wise men, pouring
  Incense and myrrh and gold.
Come to Him, poor and lowly,
  Around the cradle throng;
Come with your hearts of sunshine,
  And sing the angels' song.

Glory to God—tell out again;
  Peace on the earth! good-will to men!

Wareham, 22H

Redeemer, come; I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide;
Let me thy inner presence feel,
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in;
Let new and nobler life begin;
The Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until our glorious goal is won.

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Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night!
Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night!
Jesus mine, *In me shine;*
In me shine, *Jesus mine;*
Fill my heart with light divine.

Morning Star, Thy glory bright
Far excells the sun's clear light;
Morning Star, Thy glory bright
Far excels the sun's clear light;
Jesus be, *Constantly,*
Constantly, *Jesus be*
More than thousand suns to me.

Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star,
Cheer the nations near and far,
Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star,
Cheer the nations near and far;
Thee we own, *Lord alone,*
Lord alone, *Thee we own,*
Man's great Saviour, God's dear Son.

Morning Star, my soul's true Light,
Tarry not, dispel my night;
Morning Star, my soul's true Light,
Tarry not, dispel my night;
Jesus mine, *In me shine,*
In me shine, *Jesus mine,*
Fill my heart with light divine.

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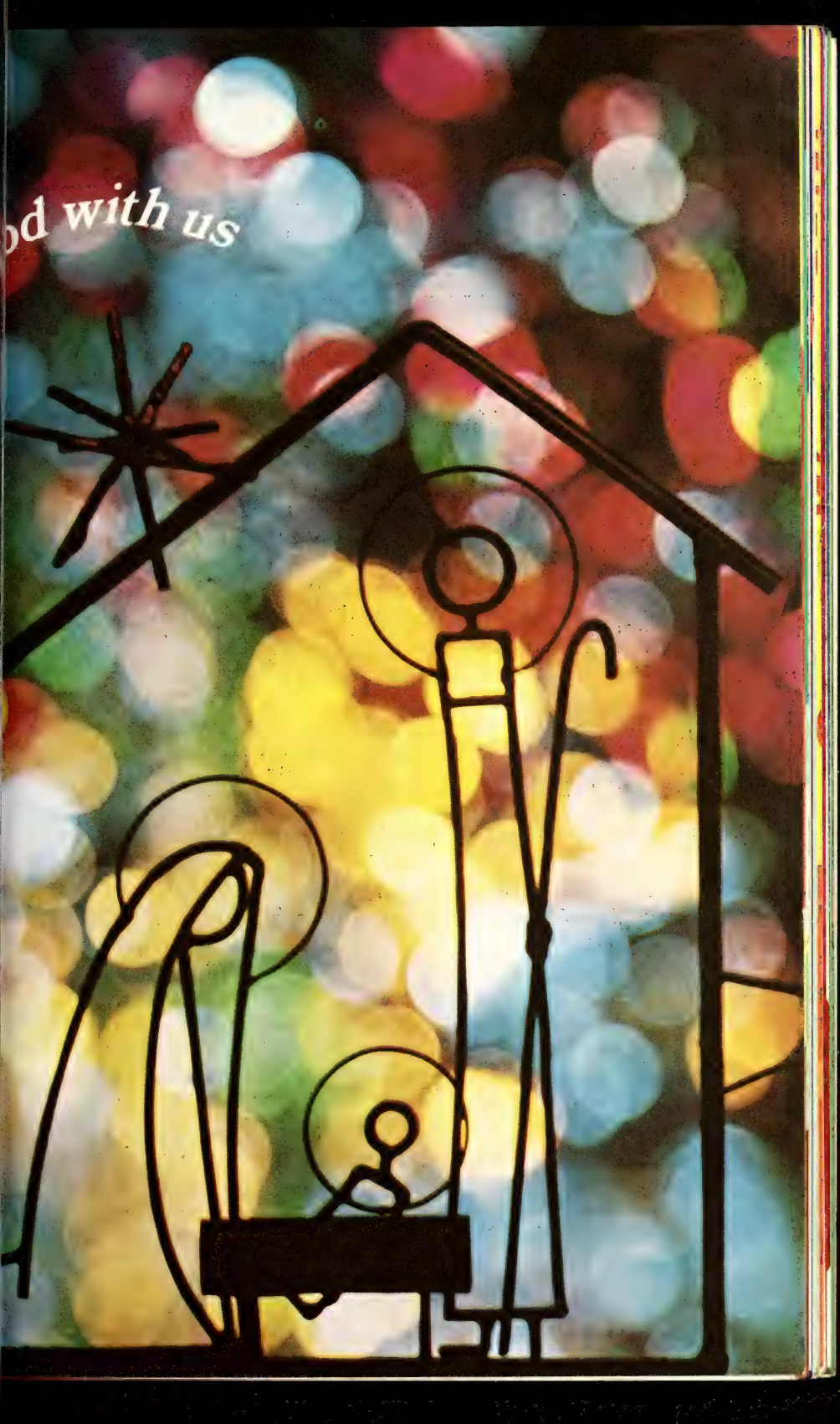
Christ, the Lord, the Lord most glorious,
Now is born; O shout aloud!
Man by him is made victorious;
Praise your Saviour, hail your God.

Praise the Lord, for on us shineth
Christ, the Son of righteousness;
He to us in love inclineth,
Cheers our souls with pardoning grace.

Praise the Lord, whose saving splendor
Shines into the darkest night;
O what praises shall we render
For this never ceasing light.

Praise the Lord, God our salvation,
Praise Him Who retrieved our loss;
Sing, with awe, and love's sensation,
Hallelujah, God with us.

BENEDICTION


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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP December 24, 1975

PRELUDE O Joyous Night The Christ is Born Bach
Choral Introit Silent Night

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Pastor: Christmas is here. God comes to us.
People: He comes in Christ.
Pastor: With strong and tender hand, he comes to touch all of life with hope.
People: He comes with grace and truth.
Prayer: We come, our Father, rejoicing in your gift of a Son. Thank you for this season and all the joy it brings. Thank you for Christ and for Christmas. Amen

CAROL 141 "The First Nowell"

THE PROMISE OF THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
"His Name shall be called..The Prince of Peace"
HIS COMING FORETOLD Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL 120 "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

THE PREPARATION FOR HIS COMING
"Thou shalt bring forth a Son"
THE ANNUNCIATION Luke 1:26-33

THE MAGNIFICAT

Pastor: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
People: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.
Pastor: For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed:
People: For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

Pastor: And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

People: He has shown strength with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Pastor: He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree;

People: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

Pastor: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.

People: As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His posterity forever."

ROL 130 "Joy To The World" (st. 1,3)

THE COMING OF THE CHRIST-CHILD

"Unto You is born this day a Savior"

LFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE Luke 2:1-17

ROL 116 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

RISTMAS PRAYER

THEM Long Ago In Bethlehem Moravian Carol

RISTMAS OFFERING

Solo O Holy Night Maurine Gminder

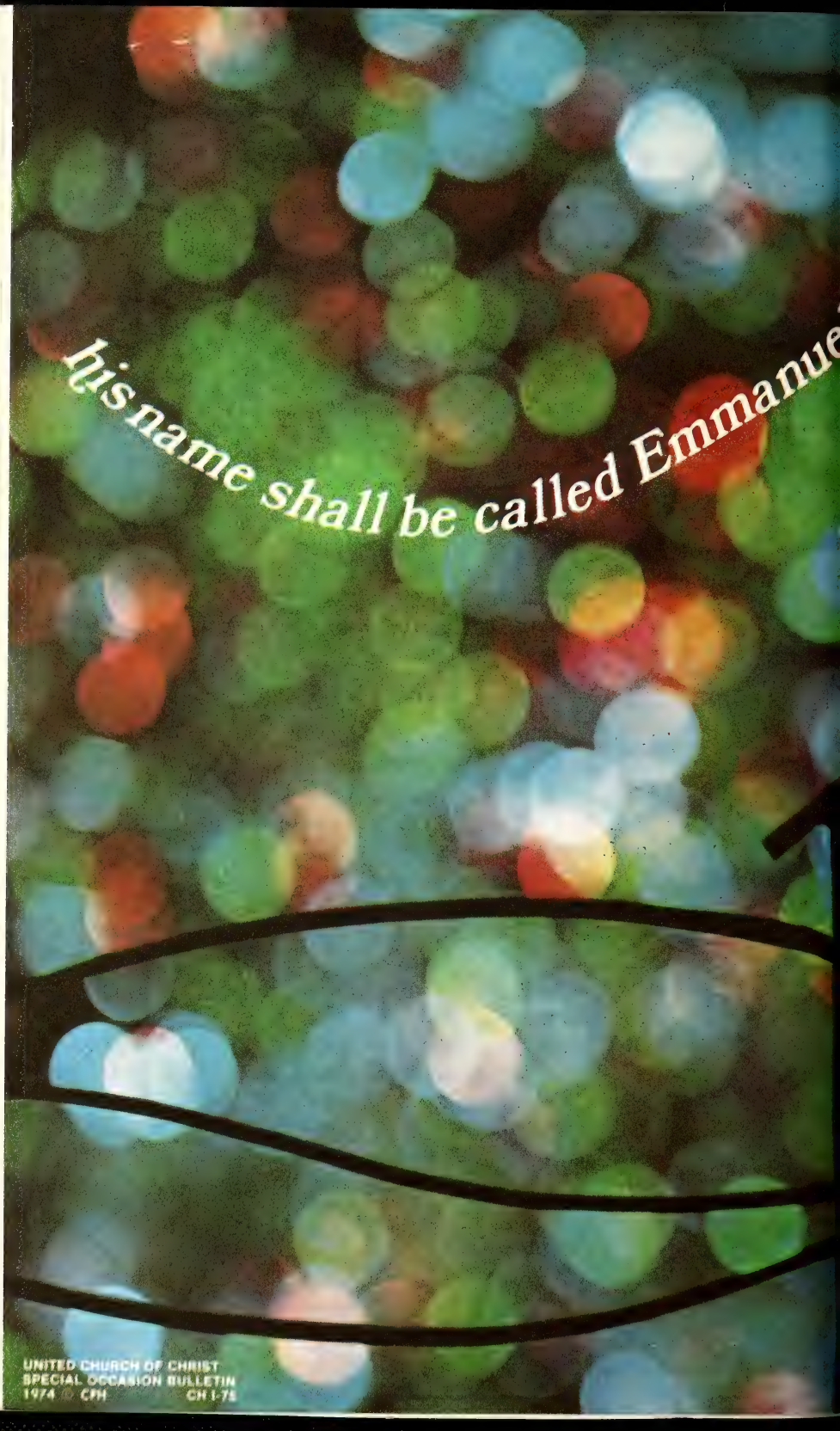
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ROLS 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (st. 1,4)

138 "Silent Night, Holy Night

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Choral Response Good Christian Men, Rejoice



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January 4, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Fantasy Van Huls

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Behold I make all things new, says the Lord
People: What could be better news: a truly new year, a truly new world, a truly new us. All glory and honor to God.
Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

UNISON PRAYER
Almighty God, we would give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the past year. Grant us, we pray, a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all danger, and send us the fullness of your blessing; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen
OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-
Anthem When First the World Began Pasque
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14:13-2

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Choral Response Twofold Amen

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Jesus Reigns as King Pepping
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

MEDITATION Making Much of Little

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving
*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (all uniting)
Remind us, Lord, of the things we mean to do
and the ways we mean to mend.
Renew in us a right spirit
for our work in the world. Amen.
*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response God Be With You
*POSTLUDE Moderato Handel

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard A. Hunter by Dorothy H. Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in The Torch.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. J. E. Danieley at Memorial and Mrs. Ruth Rogers at Cone.

OTHER: Annual reports from each committee, board and organization are due by Friday morning...The Service of Installation for those elected to office will be next Sunday.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 1976

Isaiah 60:1-5

New Years are time-hinges. We put away many old years with relief that they have ended. We enter some new years with guarded hope. But what if, through all years, we see the signs of God's coming reign? God's coming kingdom is like a wedding, a family reunion, a recovered treasure. It brings wholeness in persons, peace among nations, and harmony throughout creation. It is brilliant light rising over a shadowed earth. Through all the years, God's people see the signs of God's reign — and, seeing, "rejoice."

EPIPHANY

Although the date for Epiphany has traditionally been set as January 6th, it is becoming usual to celebrate this occasion on the Sunday nearest to Epiphany, since weekday worship is not practical in most churches.

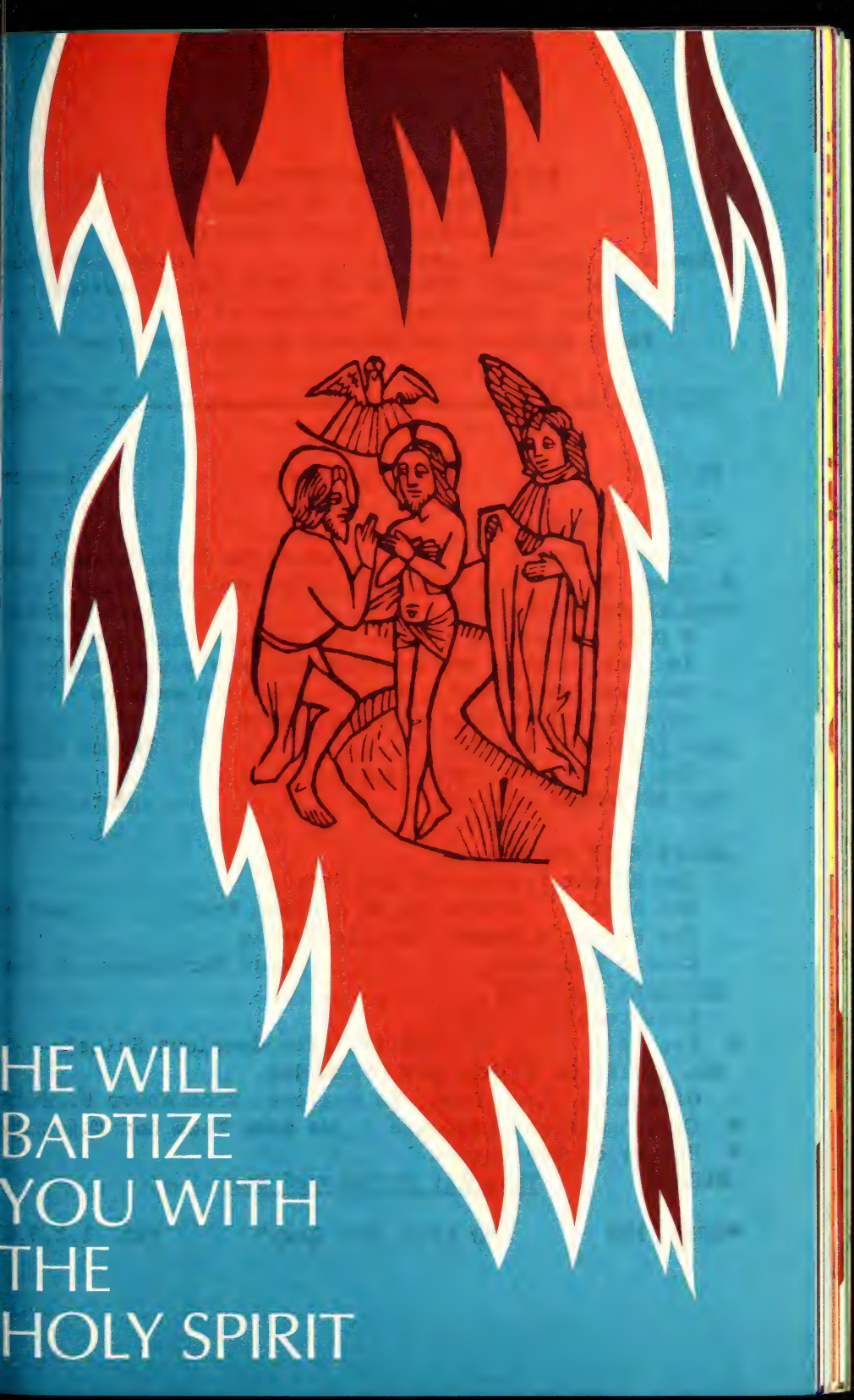
The history of the relationship between December 25th as Christmas and January 6th as Epiphany is complicated, and has had different results in the Western (Protestant and Catholic) and Eastern (Orthodox) Churches. The Western Church chose December 25th to celebrate the birth of Christ and January 6th to observe the arrival of the Wise Men at the Bethlehem manger. In the Eastern Church, January 6th celebrated both the birth of Christ and his baptism. The celebration of his baptism placed emphasis upon the mission or work of Christ, as well as his nature or person.

The common theme of all of these celebrations is the "appearance" or "manifestation" of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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HE WILL
BAPTIZE
YOU WITH
THE
HOLY SPIRIT

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January 11, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Aria for Organ Peeter

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage Lor
* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting
O God, accept our praise and prayers this day, and let our worship now brighten the whole week and the new year ahead. May our devotion make us more useful in your service. Amen
OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-
The Service of Installation
NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:4-1

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Anthem Create in Me A Clean Heart Muelle
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lor
CHILDREN'S SERMON
Bicentennial Minutes
* Hymn 440 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Look Down, Ye Heavens, from Above V. Hulse
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Thou Art My Beloved Son

*HYMN 150 "O Love, how Deep" (st. 1,2,3,6)

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Sr., by their daughter, Miss Ruth Dunn.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION for newly-elected church officers and members of the boards and committees is held this morning.

TODAY: 3:00 Youth Choir
3:30 Sr. Hi Youth meet to attend O'Kelly Drama

THE JAMES O'KELLY DRAMA will be presented at four o'clock today at Whitley Auditorium. The drama was written by Mrs. Becky Boone and is produced by Pilgrim UCC, Durham, There is no admission charge.

OUR FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:15 with the drama cast as our guests. Please bring a covered dish for your family and several other persons. Beverage and table service will be provided.

THE ADULT CHOIR will rehearse on Wednesday evening and the children's choir begins again next week.

OTHER: The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford upon the death of his brother, Wilbur C. Lankford on January 7. Memorial Services were held Friday... All church school teachers will meet next Sunday evening at 7:00 in the Hunter Room...Annual Reports are due today...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 11, 1976

Mark 1:4-11

Helping you with a telephone call that is delayed, an operator may say, "I'm trying to connect you." The connection made, the operator will let you talk directly with the person you sought to call. John the Baptist thought of himself as a connector with Christ, his baptizing with water being a prelude to Christ's baptizing with the Holy Spirit. Christians perceive baptism as the sacramental means to an end beyond itself. By baptism we seek to be connected with Christ's purifying life and with the holy, refining Spirit of God.

A NEED TO BUILD PEOPLE, NOT PRISONS

A leaflet distributed to the public in Contra Costa County, California, recently called attention to official efforts to build a bigger, more expensive jail. The leaflet asks, "For what?" The largest group of persons jailed by the county are 18- and 19-year-old males. They spend an average of less than three days in jail, usually on weekends, for traffic violations and other minor offenses. The leaflet is specific in its criticism: "They want to build a 20-million-dollar jail so your kids will have a place to go on weekends." "Build people, not prisons," the leaflet concludes.

Your denomination agrees that we should build people, not prisons. Your representatives participate in the National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice, which is seeking to promote a moratorium on construction of new prisons and jails, to promote and sponsor alternatives to incarceration, to reduce the number of arrests and the severity of punishment for victimless crimes, and to eliminate the abuses of behavior modification programs.

Because laws are often selectively enforced, an abnormally high proportion of prisoners are members of racial and ethnic minority groups. It is natural, therefore, that groups relating to blacks, Chicanos, and the poor are vitally interested in all aspects of criminal justice. It is just as important, however, for others to join in this concern. While we may start with the simple economic fact that alternatives to jail cost only a fraction of the high expense of imprisonment, we move on to recall that Jesus specifically repudiated the idea of retribution which so often characterizes popular rhetoric about justice.

Through your denomination's participation in the National Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice you are working for a more equitable and humane system of justice in the United States.

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Samuel



SPEAK, LORD,
FOR THY SERVANT HEARS

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January 18, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE God Reigneth on High Young

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Praise Ye The Lord
Prayer of Invocation: Be with us now, our only God; We are not your only children but we would be entirely yours. So bless us and our devotions for Jesus' sake. Amen
* Hymn 3 "God Himself is With Us"
OLD TESTAMENT READING I Samuel 3

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen
ANTHEM Let There Be Peace on Earth

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 317 "I Love To Tell the Story"
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Jesus, Come Thou Among Us VanHulse
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON In A Time When The Word of The Lord is Rare

*HYMN 77 "Be Still My Soul" (st. 1,2)

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. H. H. Cunningham by the Family.

TODAY: 6:15 Confirmation Class
7:00 Church School teachers
7:00 Cub Scout leaders

A MEETING of the Sunday Church School staff is scheduled for this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Hunter Room. Among the items for discussion will be plans for a special church school emphasis in February and the assigning of classroom space for the new educational building.

THE CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of the Burlington area meets Thursday evening at 7:00 at Long's Chapel.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS from the financial secretary and the building fund treasurer are available today in the narthex. Please secure your envelope.

NEXT SUNDAY evening is our annual business meeting. Come at 7:00 to hear the Burlington Boys' Choir. Annual reports will be given by each of our organizations.

ANNUAL REPORTS are yet to be received from four of our church committees or boards. All the reports will be mimeographed and presented to you next Sunday morning for your study.

HOSPITALIZED: Caroline Powell at Duke

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 18, 1976**
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

I Samuel 3:1-10

Western Christians ought never to need to learn the art of meditation from other faiths. But, too much, we make religion an *activity*: going to church, teaching, singing, meeting, working for the common good. We forget how much of biblical faith accents *passivity*: stopping in our tracks, opening our life to God's healing and enabling Word. Durable faith often comes when God overtakes us in the midst of busyness and calls, and calls, and calls — until our ears open to hear the call, our lives to *receive* new life.

SYMBOL OF RECONCILIATION

In the Arab world, individual acrimony and quarreling are often brought to an end when one participant turns to the other, extends the crook of the little finger of the right hand, and utters the Arabic word *solh* which means "reconciliation." The adversary responds by crooking the little finger, linking it with the proffered one, and responding, *solh*.

Given the history of tension and distrust which have divided Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians down through the ages, we well might seek some similar symbol of reconciliation to bring us together. One possible symbol could be the new Common Catechism prepared by Protestant and Roman Catholic scholars from France, Germany, and Switzerland. The very purpose of the new catechism is "to help insure that Christians cooperate within their own communities in the common growth of churches toward that unity-in-variety which is the goal of all ecumenical efforts."

In thinking about our need for reconciliation with all people, we recall Jesus' comment that one should not attempt to worship God by bringing a gift to the altar without first being reconciled with those from whom one is separated. Perhaps by finding ways to affirm our common faith in the use of the same catechism of Christian doctrine we can begin a process of reconciliation with our Roman Catholic neighbors which will open the way to true Christian unity of witness and of service to all people. It's certainly worth a try. *Solh!*

Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
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IMMEDIATELY THEY LEFT THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM

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January 25, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Trio in F Major Rineberger

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Praise Ye The Lord
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer
From your fullnees, O God, give wisdom and strength to us. Lift our understandings into your light and our wills into your love that both may be one in your service. Our Father who...
* Hymn 247 "Holy God We Praise Thy Name
NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Ephesians 3:14-21
II Corinthians 5:17-20
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen
ANTHEM God of Our Life C. H. Purday

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Soliloquy Young
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
PRESENTATION Our Ministry Together Mr. Hamilton
Our Growth in the Faith Miss Grubb
*HYMN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" (st. 1,2)
*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Chester Huey by the Family.

TODAY: 3:00 Youth Choir
3:30 Senior Hi Youth
5:45 Christian Education Committee
6:15 All other committees and the Board of Trustees
7:00 Annual Business meeting

THE ANNUAL MEETING of our congregation is this evening at 7:00. All committees are meeting previously for organizational and agenda-setting purposes. The Burlington Boys' Choir will sing at 7:00 and the business session begins at 7:30. All members are expected to attend.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS from the financial secretary and the building fund treasurer are available today in the narthex. Please secure your envelope.

COPIES of the Annual Reports are also available in the narthex. Please study your copy and bring it with you this evening.

HOSPITALIZED: Peggy Lackey and Charles Jeffreys at Memorial.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

NEXT SUNDAY marks the beginning of the Second Semester of the Sunday Church School. The study theme will be "The Life and Teachings of Jesus".

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 25, 1976**

Mark 1:14-22

"Immediately!" Mark uses that word so often that one scholar calls his style "nervous." But Mark's style is due to urgency, not nerves. Mark sees, in Jesus, God's kingdom coming alongside human life, demanding our Yes or No. God stands in judgment over against every individual and institution. "Turn around," God demands. "Reorder your values. Set new goals for your use of days and skills." Such a call brought immediate response from four Galilean fishers. What changes does God's reign prompt in your action and outlook?

SIX DAYS MARKED A BEGINNING

Six days together early last year marked a beginning for some thirty Muslim and Christian leaders from four Southeast Asian countries who attended the first Southeast Asia Conference for Muslim-Christian Dialogue — the beginning of new and better relationships between often hostile peoples. Dr. Peter G. Gowing, missionary of the United Church Board for World Ministries, reports that six intensive days of living and talking together resulted in a marked increase in knowing and trusting each other. "It was wonderful," he reports, "to discover that we could say some important things together about the ways in which our two kindred communities of faith can cooperate in promoting the spiritual, moral, and material well-being of our Southeast Asian societies."

Dr. Gowing participated as the director of the Dansalan Research Center, which is located on the campus of church-related Dansalan Christian College in Marawi City in the Southern Philippines. The Center's program includes the sponsoring of a number of classes, workshops, and conferences including a month-long summer session for Christian school teachers interested in studying Mindanao and Sulu cultures. Studying the culture of their Muslim countrymen, in a part of the country where Muslims are in the majority, helps to overcome common misinformation and develops a more wholesome attitude which teachers can pass along to their students.

With Christian-Muslim relationships entangled in a web of economic and cultural complexities, such basic efforts at understanding and reconciliation are most important. Dansalan — with help from *Our Christian World Mission* — has a significant part in the process.

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Be silent,
and come
out of him

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February 1, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Choral Song Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
God our Father, let our words be spoken honestly
as the prophets spoke of old.
Let our worship be offered sincerely
as directed by our Lord.
Let our deeds be measured
by the standards of Jesus of Nazareth
in whose spirit we find our peace.
Our Father who...

* Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Mark 1:21-28
Luke 8:26-39

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

ANTHEM Lord, My Savior, My Salvation Schubert

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory The Heavens Declare The Glory of God Bach

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON More Than Half-truths

*HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. in honor of Anna Ruth Perry and Michael Parker Grant whose Service of Marriage was held here last evening.

TODAY 5:15 Confirmation Class
7:00 Stewardship and Missionary Education Comm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis upon the birth of Jamie Elizabeth Brown on January 29.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Aundree Price at Cone and W. C. Perry at Memorial.

OTHER: Copies of the 1975 Annual Reports are available in the narthex...You are invited to study Mark's Gospel, chapters one and two, which will be the basis for February sermons...Tryouts for the bicentennial drama will be next Sunday afternoon. Senior Hi youth and older adults are invited...The circles of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in the Torch.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 1, 1976

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus shows authority by bringing wholeness and health to our life. He whets the human hunger for righteousness and, at the same time, mediates God's forgiving love. Jesus cautions against traps that lie in our path and, at the same time, frees us from the grip of irrational fear. He rescues us from the sickening merry-go-round of self-obsession and, at the same time, teaches a healthy self-love. Jesus sheds light that clarifies life's meaning, yet deepens its mystery at the same time he teaches a healing trust in God.

BUILDING ON 150 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

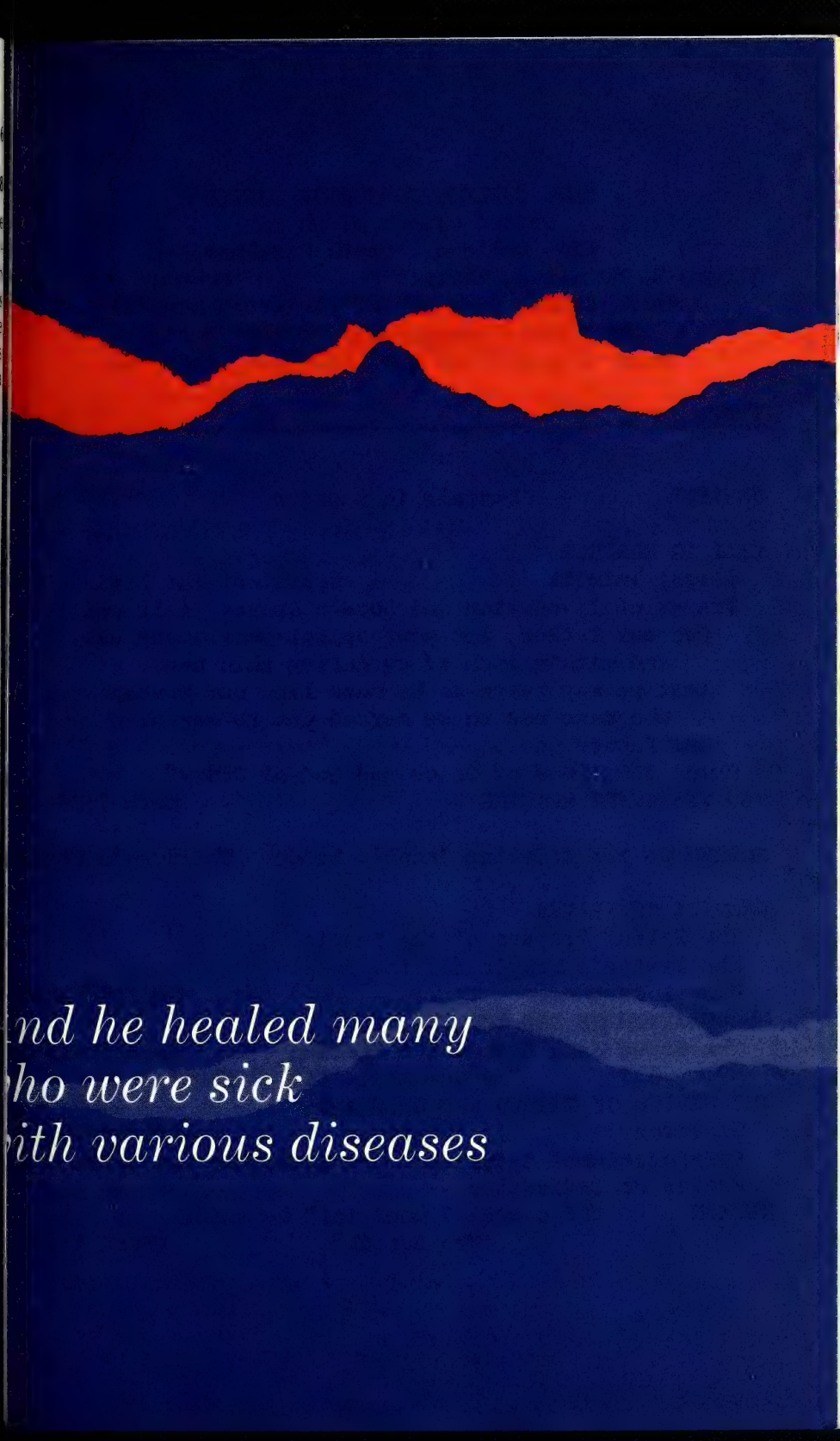
Lancaster Theological Seminary observes this year the 150th anniversary of its founding. The seminary began with a student body of five, a library of one hundred books, and a treasury of $300. It looks today to the future with continued commitment to the viability and continued importance of the local church.

In its earliest days, the German Reformed Church in the United States trained its pastors by apprenticeship. Then, in 1825, a seminary was opened at Carlisle which, after several moves, found a home in borrowed rooms on the campus of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In those early years, the seminary was helped by gifts of money and of books from older Reformed Churches in Holland, Germany, and Switzerland. When the German Reformed Church in the U. S. merged with the Evangelical Synod of North America and later when the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Churches, on both occasions the seminary enlarged its mandate and its concern and is now a seminary of the United Church of Christ.

Though small and primarily regional, the seminary has been known throughout its history and throughout the nation for its high academic standards and for its innovative teaching methods, special programs, and solidly grounded practical training for the Christian ministry. This "denominational seminary with an ecumenical outlook" now offers a variety of special opportunities to 150 full-time students, 20% of whom are women. Month-long seminars on personal relationships and on the church at work in the U.S., in Europe, and in the Third World offer students new insights and understandings basic to their development as ministers.

Lancaster Theological Seminary is one of thirteen theological schools related to the United Church of Christ through the Office for Church Life and Leadership.

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February 8, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale in E Major Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
God our Father, let your Spirit work among us
and within each of us during this hour
that we may learn to be more like our Master
who came not to be served but to serve.
Our Father who...

* Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:29-45

ANTHEM We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder Children's Choir

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

RECOGNITION OF CUB SCOUTS

* The Scout Oath Responsive Reading (see insert)

* Hymn 437 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Vocalise Rachmanninoff

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON "Of course I want to!" he said.
"Be cured!" (Mark 1:41)

HYMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Philip Mann in memory of their fathers, George D. Colclough and G. C. Mann.

TODAY: 1-4 Tryouts for the Bicentennial drama
4:00 Youth Choir
4:45 Christian Education Committee
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:00 Music Committee

OUR LITURGIST today is Tim Price who is a Life Scout and a candidate for the God and Country Award. We are pleased to have the scouts and scout leaders of Pack 51 share with us in worship.

ON TUESDAY EVENING at 7:00 the Elon Board of Alderman will meet at the elementary school to hear a report with recommendations from the Bicentennial Committee. The community is invited.

NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, Rev. Edwin Alcorn will meet with our deacons and committee chairpersons to aid us in a strategy for planning and goal-setting. The session will be from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 1976

Mark 1:29-39

"He healed many who were sick..." What a thing to remember him for! What a way to establish the claim that Jesus is God's Anointed! Into the torn edges of Galilean peasant lives, ragged gaps of illness in body and mind, broken relationships, and long deferred hopes, Jesus came with healing. To all who suffer he brings relief; to those in grief, consolation; to the alienated, reconciliation; to the guilt-ridden, forgiveness. God enables us, in Jesus' name, to bring God's healing, renewing, transforming power to this world's hope and need.

CELEBRATING 300 YEARS OF FREEDOM

In these days of the United States' Bicentennial, it is useful to remember that some members of the United Church of Christ recall an even longer struggle for freedom. One such group is the Calvin Synod Acting Conference and its churches, which are made up of members of Hungarian descent.

In 1674, during a period of ruthless persecution of Protestants in Hungary, forty-one Protestant (mostly Reformed) ministers, after refusing to renounce their faith, were sold as galley slaves and condemned to be chained to oars on ships that plied their trade between Trieste and Naples. Eventually news of their brutal treatment became known in Europe and brought vigorous protests. When these slaves were finally released on February 11, 1676, as a result of the intervention of the Dutch ambassador at Vienna and the payment of a huge sum of money, a hymn, written by one of the slaves, Karoly Jeszensky, was sung to celebrate their emancipation. The hymn, *Lift Thy Head, O Zion, Weeping,* found in many of our hymnals, catches up the faith and trust which sustained the twenty-six ministers who survived the ordeal:

Though in chains thou now art grieving,
Though a tortured slave thou die,
Zion, if thou die believing,
Heaven's path shall open lie.
Upward gaze and happy be,
God hath not forsaken thee;
Thou his people art, and surely
He will fold his own securely.

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The survivors, by terms of the agreement, could not return to Hungary. They were, however, given asylum by fellow Protestants in Switzerland, Holland, and England. We acknowledge with gratitude their contribution to the heritage of faith and freedom which we possess in the United Church of Christ.

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THE SCOUT OATH RESPONSIVE READING

astor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Ps. 25:10)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

astor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! (Ps. 33:12)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law - and the law is this: a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

astor: Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:37-39)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to help other people at all times.

astor: Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? God's temple is holy and you are that temple. (I Cor. 3:16,17)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to keep myself physically strong.

astor: A wise man is mightier than a strong man, and a man of knowledge than he who has strength. (Prov. 24:5)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

astor: How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to God's word. (Ps. 119:9)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

he stretched out his hand



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February 15, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Song of Joy Rhinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilton
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
Almighty God, let your Spirit so guide our worship that our spirits may be touched with the compassion of Christ. Claiming to be his disciples, may we grow ever more faithful to him. Our Father, who...
Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 8:7-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

ANTHEM Lord, As We Pray to Thee Concone

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Hear My Prayer, O Lord Dvorak
(Maurine Gminder, soprano)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON 2000 and 200 Mr. Alcorn

HYMN 446 "God the Omnipotent"

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Baxter in memory of the members of our church deceased in the past year.

OUR GUEST MINISTER today is the Rev. Mr. Edwin Alcorn, Associate Conference Minister for Western North Carolina.

ALL DEACONS and committee chairpersons will meet this afternoon from 3:30-7:30 for a planning and goal-setting session under the leadership of Rev. Alcorn and Dr. Martin Shotzberger. Please bring a snack supper. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to hear Rev. Joyce Myers tomorrow evening at 7:30 at Bethlehem Church, Altamahaw. Rev. Myers is an Elon College graduate and until recently a missionary to Angola.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elia Anne Snyder and Larry H. Moser whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Families upon the death of Dr. G. Alvin Noah on February 9.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 15, 1976**

Mark 1:40-45

How characteristic of Jesus! Ignoring the threat of contamination, Jesus stretched out his hand to heal lepers. Risking sure criticism, Jesus stretched out his hand to befriend outcastes. Defying canons of respectability, Jesus stretched out his hand to forgive a woman caught in adultery. How like Jesus, to stretch out his hand! It ought to be like us also, that to the sick we offer healing, to the poor we reach out and share, to the socially despised we extend a hand of friendship, and to the oppressed we proffer help in their liberation.

BROTHERHOOD AND JUSTICE

Rabbi Hillel once said to someone who wished to know the whole Law, "What is hateful to you do not to your fellow: that is the whole Law; the rest is interpretation." And Jesus replied to the Sadducee's question about which commandment was greatest with the words, "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with your whole mind," and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Emerging out of the above precepts is the purpose of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, an organization that since 1928 has attempted to "eliminate inter-group prejudices...with a view towards maintaining a society in which religious ideals of brotherhood and justice shall become the standard of human relationships." It is an arduous and never-ending task. Yet, standing at a point of convergence between the Old Testament and the New Testament, the National Conference is inspired to continue striving for just that society envisioned in the Bible, the fulfillment of which is meant to permeate through the borders of one's own religious grouping to include all of humanity.

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February 22, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Soliloquy Kreine

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lor
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (all uniting
The demands of living are too great for us to manage alone. We need your help, Lord. Life's joys are also too many to be appreciated alone. Thank you for this caring and sharing fellowship. Our Father, who...

* Hymn 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:18-2

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 2:1-1

ANTHEM Lord Jesus, Think On Me Pedrett

SERVICE OR PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amer

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Trio for Organ Bach

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON I Will Not Remember Your Sins
(Isaiah 43:25)

*HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. J. B. Long by the Family.

TODAY 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
4:00 Youth Choir
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:00 Stewardship and Missionary Education Comm.

THE CUB SCOUT Blue and Gold Banquet will be held in the Parish House Thursday evening at 7:30.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for Guatamalan Relief will be forwarded this week. Checks or cash offerings should be designated for Guatamalan Relief.

FAMILY NIGHT will be held next Sunday evening at 6:30 in the Parish House. Dr. and Mrs. Sloan will share slides and experiences of their ministries in Zambia. The Senior Hi Youth will be providing dessert refreshments.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Connie Howard upon the death of his sister, Mrs. Clyde Howard Matthews of Sanford on February 18.

HOSPITALIZED: Lewis Drumm at Memorial

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 22, 1976

Mark 2:1-12

Believing is seeing. The principles of human sight are psychological as well as physical. What we see depends on what we are like. In the action of four men, bringing a paralyzed man, Jesus saw faith. In the man's plight, Jesus saw human need for health of body and mind. In Jesus' offer to forgive the man's sin, outraged religious professionals saw blasphemy and presumption. "Watch this," said Jesus, and helped the man get on his feet. To some onlookers, that showed God's glory. They said, "We never saw anything like this!"

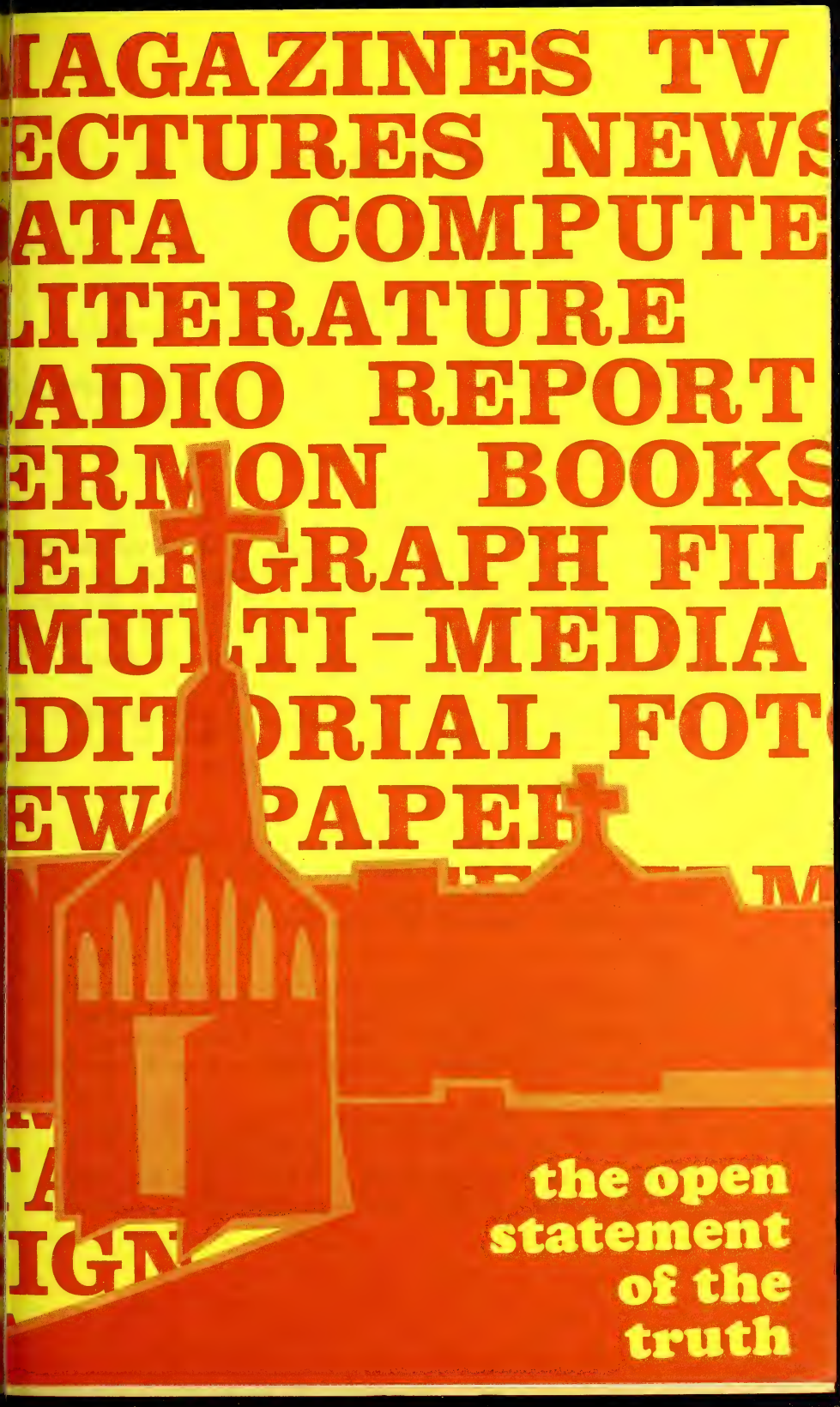
FIRST STEPS TOWARD CONQUERING THE COCKROACH

Dr. Joyce M. Verrett, Professor of Biology at Dillard University, heads a project which may spell the beginning of the end for the cockroach. Dr. Verrett's experiments have led to a five-year analysis of the water balance in the female cockroach during its six-day egg-laying cycle. By affecting the water balance, Dr. Verrett hopes to be able to develop methods of controlling the reproductive process of this common household pest. Because it will eat anything and because it crawls through garbage, filth, and decay, the cockroach ranks second only to the housefly as a carrier of disease. Until now, the cockroach has been almost impossible to control since it was able to build up immunity to even expensive pesticides.

Such research is typical of the important work undertaken at Dillard University, one of the six predominately black colleges supported by the 17/76 Achievement Fund of the United Church of Christ.

Dillard, largely dependent upon receiving grants from outside donors to help maintain and expand its important work, is hoping to receive between $1.6 million and $2.1 million from the 17/76 Achievement Fund. Most of this will be used for student financial aid and for supporting the work of such outstanding faculty members as Dr. Verrett. Your 17/76 Achievement Fund gifts can help to make things happen at Dillard — even help to conquer the cockroach!

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February 29, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord Youn

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Lord God, Thy Name We Prai
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (all uniting
Make us aware of your glory, Lord, this day and each day; make us, too, to reflect that glory in lives that imitate your Son, whose prayer we make our own: Our Father, who...

* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 2:13-2

PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF LITTLE CHILDREN
The Blessing of Christening and Prayer
The Parental Dedication
We promise before God and this gathered church to continue to care for and rear our daughter as a child of God in a Christian home. We will care for her physical wants, her intellectual development, and her spiritual life so that she may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.
We further pledge to seek to lead before her lives of Christian grace, forbearance, and love, instructing her by word and deed that she may become aware of her own accountability and seek

the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and find her place in the fellowship of the Kingdom of God.

* Congregational Response

It is our sacred privilege to share with Andy and Tove in the nurture of their daughter and to enfold her in the sheltering arms of Christ's Church. We therefore pledge to live as a Christian community, showing love and dedication, that May Christina may grow up in a company of God's children.

* Prayer and Benediction.

*HYMN 277 "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lord

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem Who Shall Ascend Mueller

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON A Love Affair With Humanity

*HYMN 421 "We Thank Thee Lord, Thy Paths of Service"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 29, 1976

II Corinthians 3:17-4:2

News reporters, public officials, and doctors, like apostles and evangelists, often find truth hard to learn and harder to convey. Truth is a transaction between two minds: one that knows and tells, another that hears and believes. Communication presupposes community. The Corinthians who mistrusted Paul ruptured community with him. That made difficult Paul's work of truthfully communicating God's word. Mistrust prevents us from hearing the truth. But love opens a way so that the truth may be heard, believed, and done.

STANDING ROOM ONLY AT SENDAI

It was standing room only last spring when the Sendai Oratorio Society gave the St. Matthew's "Passion" to an audience of over 1,200 persons in the city's concert hall. The society was organized several years ago by missionaries of the United Church Board for World Ministries. The Oratorio Society has really grown during this past year. Compare the standing-room-only crowd to the audience of sixty persons who attended the group's concert in a previous season. That concert was held with room to spare in the little Sendai church. The choir has grown, too, from thirty to ninety performers for this spring's concert, with soloists from Tokyo and accompaniment by an orchestra of thirty instruments, a far cry from the Sendai church's reed organ!

What's the point of all this? Not that there was enough talent to make such an event possible in the first place. Rather, that only ten percent of the choir and even a smaller percentage of the audience were Christian. This performance was for many of them a hearing of the Christian story for the first time. Will the result be a sudden conversion of Sendai citizens to Christianity? Probably not, though one cannot predict the impact of such an effective telling of the Christian story. Rather, there may be a new openness of many non-Christians to the Christian witness. And there may be a gradual, if not a sudden, turning of individual persons to the one who is Lord and Savior of us all. And isn't that what "mission" is all about?

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THE SERVICE OF CHILD PRESENTATION is held today as Mr. and Mrs. Andy Huggins bring their daughter, May Christina, for presentation to God.

TODAY 2:00 Senior High Youth
4:00 Youth Choir
4:30 Acolytes
5:15 Confirmation Class
6:30 Family Night

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:30 in the Parish House. Dr. and Mrs. Sloan will share slides and experiences of their ministries in Zambia. The Senior Hi Youth will be providing dessert refreshments.

LENTEN STUDIES begin this week. Duplicate sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 and Wednesdays at noon. This week's sessions will be led by our Pastor.

OUR CHURCH will be host to the Annual World Day of Prayer Service on Friday morning at 10:30. This year's emphasis is on Latin American women. Our Pastor will give the meditation. Arrangements have been made for use of the college parking lot behind the Texaco station. There also will be a nursery for small children. Mrs. Gminder is serving as chairperson of this program of Church Women United.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jimma L. Moon and Bruce L. Causey whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

ARTICLES for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for March-April are available in the narthex.

LENTEN STUDIES

March 2/3	Introduction to the Beatitudes
March 9/10	Blessed are the Poor in Spirit Blessed are Those who Mourn
March 16/17	Blessed are the Meek Blessed are Those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness
March 23/24	Blessed are the Merciful
March 30/31	Blessed are the Pure in Heart
April 6/7	Blessed are the Peacemakers
April 13/14	Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00
and
Wednesdays at Noon

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LENTEN SERMONS

March 7	The Courage to Believe
March 14	It's Person to Person
March 21	He Finds Us Where We Are
March 28	Becoming Members of Christ
April 4	Practicing What We Preach
April 11	Palm Sunday
April 18	Three Easter Affirmations


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March 7, 1976 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE My Heart is Filled with Longing Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Lord God, thy Praise we Sin
*HYMN OF PRAISE 372 "How Firm a Foundation"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting
Forgive us, O God, for breaking faith, for
forgetting that we are kept by your faithfulness,
for wanting life to be exciting but not risky,
for breaking our promises and forgetting yours.
Pardon us and straighten us out for Jesus' sake.
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
* The Doxology
THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting

THE LENTEN LESSONS Mark 1:12-15; Romans 1:1-17

ANTHEM The Church A Mighty Refuge Is Fraser

THE MORNING PRAYERS
Choral Response Threefold Amer
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 76 "How Gentle God's Commands"
MOMENTS OF CONCERN
Our Concern for Hunger Rev. Mr. Dollar
Offertory Andante Franck
* Congregational Response 490, stanza 1
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON — The Courage to Believe

*HYMN 423 — "Where Cross the Crowded Ways"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response — God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Polly T. Marino by the Family.

TODAY:
2:00 Senior Hi Youth
4:00 Youth Choir
4:45 Christian Education Committee
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP quarterly meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30. The program is to be presented by Rev. J. C. Dollar on "World Hunger".

THE LENTEN STUDIES are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and Wednesday at noon. This week's study on the first Beatitude will be led by Dr. Sloan.

HOSPITALIZED: Gladys Smith at Memorial

GOAL-SETTING SESSION #2 will be held next Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 in the Parish House.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 1976

Mark 1:12-15

Evil seduced Israel. "Shame on you who join field to field!" wrote Isaiah. "You who oppress the poor," warned Amos, "your time is coming." Satan lost the struggle to win Jesus to usurping God-given powers for Satan's reign. Demonic seductions lure us to use political power to perpetuate power, to maximize profit for some to the hurt of many, to hold the weak, poor, and near-poor "in place" as second-class citizens in the marketplace, courts, and halls of government. Pray for enlivened consciences and firmer intent to serve God's just reign!

LENT '76

Lent, the forty days' fast between the Christian holy days of Ash Wednesday and Easter, commemorates the forty-day fast of Christ, which is recorded in the fourth chapter of Matthew.

Having lived through the decade of the sixties, we may interpret "fast" too narrowly or weakly. On one hand, fasts and hunger strikes have come to mean the same thing to us — refraining from eating for the purpose of effecting policy changes in international or domestic politics or of gaining publicity for one cause or another. On the other hand, warm shelter, full stomachs, and extra pocket-change — effects of a prosperous decade — may have rendered fasts, sacrifices, and other ascetic practices meaningless.

However, in a new era when prophets of doom are gaining more credibility, when real people are really starving, when sacrifice promises to become a life-style necessity rather than a religious pastime, Jesus' fast of forty days and forty nights may take on new significance.

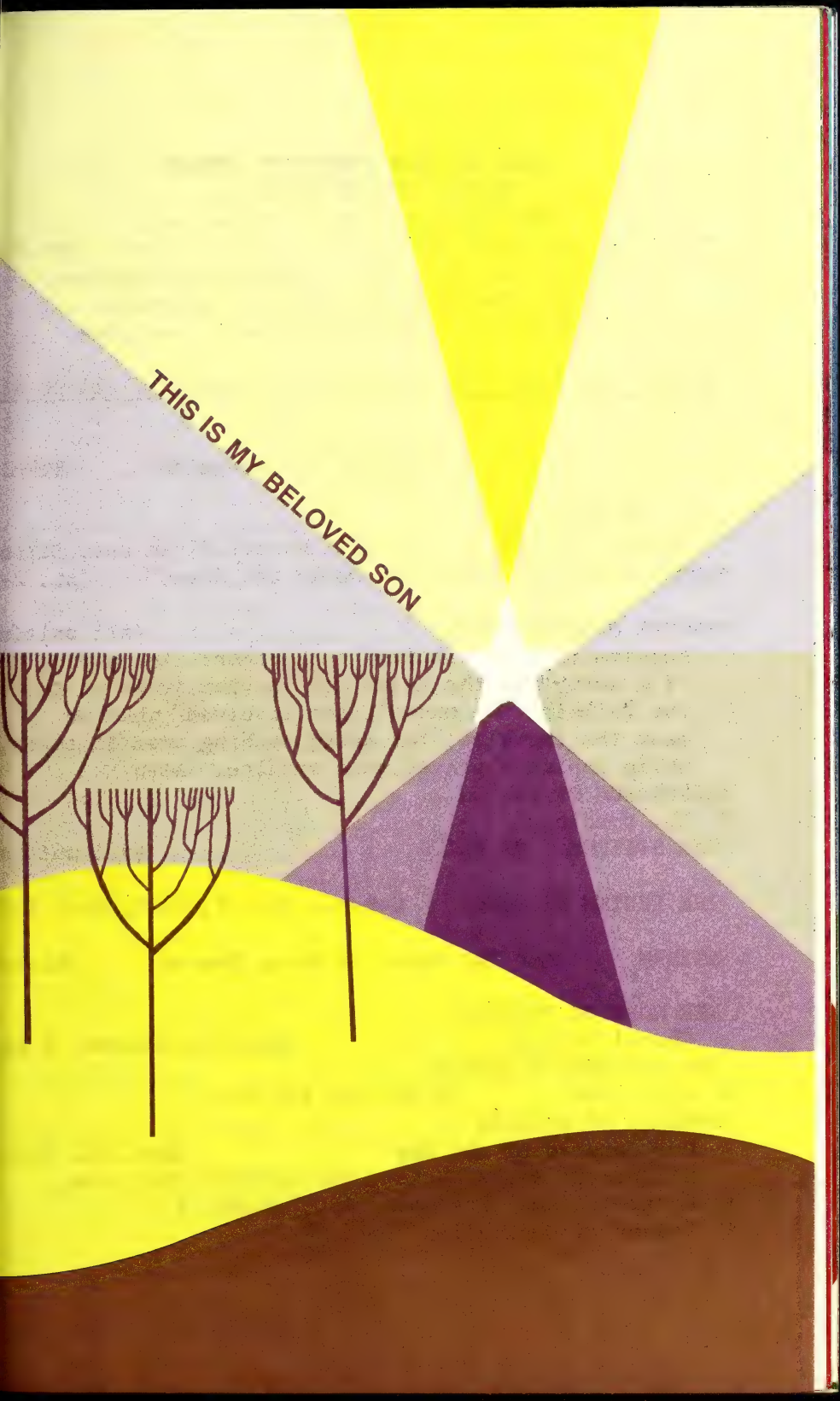
Jesus' life was characterized by sacrifice and suffering, necessary sacrifice and suffering. Somehow, in that strange Jesus-logic which we now regard as Christian faith, sacrifice is inherently meaningful. After a period of near-starvation, Jesus is depicted as heartily able to withstand temptation — not in spite of his recent fast, but because of it.

May all of us Christians be strengthened as Jesus was strengthened. In this Lenten season, may we discover what the essential helpfulness of self-sacrifice is all about by commemorating in our own ways the forty-day fast of Jesus.

Richard J. McAfee
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March 14, 1976 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Christ Suffered With Anguish Schmi

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silen
*HYMN OF PRAISE 152 "We Would See Jesus" (st. 2-

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all unitin
Forgive us our failures, our Father: for saying "I'm sorry" to the needy and letting it go at that; for thinking "We mustn't get involved" when we meet the troubled; for doing nothing even in token, while hoping a prayer will suffice. Amen
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
* The Doxology
THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting

THE LENTEN LESSONS Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13; Mark 9:2-

ANTHEM Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured Rickar

THE MORNING PRAYERS
Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lor
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 496 "O Say Can You See"
MOMENTS OF CONCERN
Our Concern of the Day Rev. Mr. Rinke
Offertory Jesus Christ, the Father's Only Son
* Congregational Response 460, stanza 3
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON It's Person to Person

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Wilkes Lowe, III by the Family.

TODAY 2:30 Goal-Setting Session #2
5:15 Confirmation Class
6:00 Sr. Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee
7:30 Outreach Committee

DEACONS, Committee and Board Chairpersons, and other interested persons are invited to attend the Goal-Setting Session #2 from 2:30 - 5:30 this afternoon in the Parish House. Rev. Edwin Alcorn and Dr. Martin Shotzberger will lead the session.

THE LENTEN STUDIES are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and Wednesdays at noon. This week's session on the third and fourth Beatitudes will be led by Rev. Bill Haffey of Lakeview Community Church (UCC).

COVERED DISH FAMILY NIGHT next Sunday evening at 6:30 will feature Mr. Irwin Smallwood who was a delegate to the World Council of Churches meeting in Nairobi.

HOSPITALIZED: Andy McLelland at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING for the One Great Hour of Sharing will be received on March 28.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 1976

Mark 9:1-9

"This is my beloved Son." Those words echo the announcement at Jesus' baptism and anticipate the awe-struck outcry of the soldier at the cross: "Truly this was the Son of God." We see signs of divine/human affinity in Jesus: the course of his career, character of his ministry, manner of his death, and quality of his life today. We are drawn to "listen to him," as bids the heavenly voice: to read the world through his eyes, make ours his godly mind, use our years, skills, and goods to further the God-ordained work he began in human life on earth.

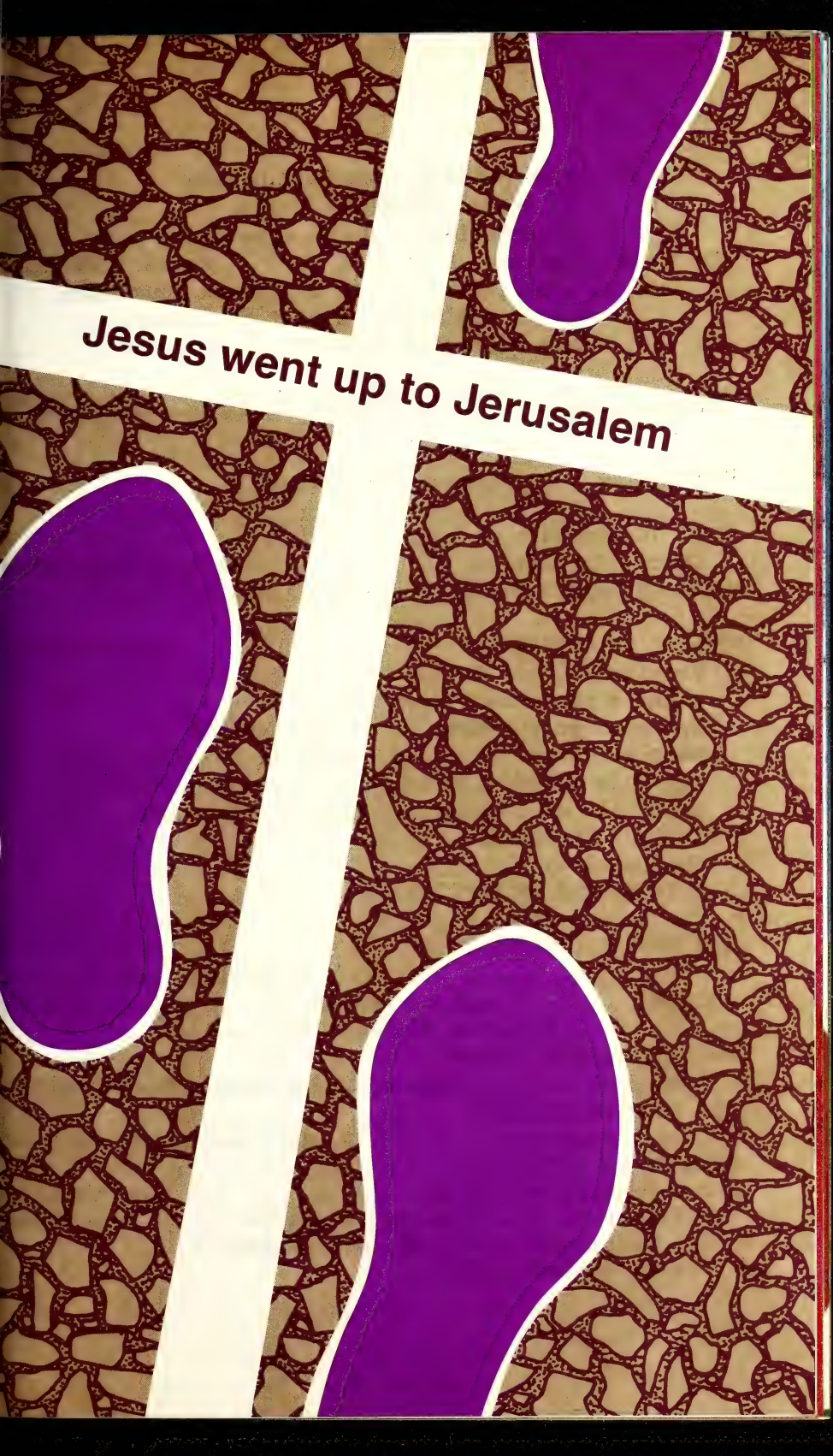
TIME TO DO A GOOD JOB

"Help people help themselves," the advertisement reads. It then goes on to list items which are for sale: chairs, clocks, ceramics, sculpture, lamps, crafts, tables, leather goods, and paintings, and it concludes, "All carefully crafted by people who have the time to do a good job." This tag-line is a play on words, for the items are all made by inmates of Connecticut institutions of corrections, prisoners at the Somers maximum-security prison and at the Enfield minimum-security prison. The items are sold at the Prison Store, which is located in a shopping mall in Bloomfield Center, Connecticut, near Hartford.

The Prison Store, now over a year old, is the outgrowth of discussions at the First Congregational Church in Bloomfield. "In the very beginning we had a series of talks by people from the Corrections Department," says the Rev. Roscoe Metzger, pastor of the 238-year-old congregation of the United Church of Christ. "We began to ask ourselves what we could do to help out." As a result, a core of 20 to 25 persons organized an effort to help prison inmates to market crafts which they work on in what you could call their "free time." The little shop in the mall, located between a restaurant and a shoe store, is staffed by some 80 faithful, unpaid volunteers on a five-day-a-week basis. Money to support the effort, about $6,000 per year for rent, utilities, and operating expenses, comes from industries, banks, and other community contributors. All money from the sale of the craft items goes to the prisoners who have made them, to be banked as a nest egg — "something to get started with when they get out," Mr. Metzger says. The inmates set their own prices for their products and keep all the money they bring in except for the cost of materials. They brought in $13,000 in the first eight months.

What motivates the church volunteers who help with this project? "I think they want to help a guy who's down," says Mr. Metzger. "It's basically a moral, ethical, religious motivation. And it's a way to help people to help themselves, too."

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Jesus went up to Jerusalem

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March 21, 1976 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Lenten Meditation Young

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Fairest Lord Jesus
*HYMN OF PRAISE 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)
Forgive us, our Father
when we put others down
and when we put them up on a pedestal;
when we extend help and expect to be appreciated
and when we receive help and are not appreciative.
Reconcile us to yourself and to each other. Amen
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
* The Doxology
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
* The Statement of Faith (all uniting)
THE LENTEN LESSONS Mark 9:33-37
II Corinthians 5:14-6:2
ANTHEM O Lord Most Holy Franck
(Maurine Gminder, Soprano)
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"
THE MORNING PRAYERS
Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lord
MOMENTS OF CONCERN
Our Concern of the Day Beth Wilkins
Offertory Come Creator, Bless Us Van Hulse
* Congregational Response 464, stanza 1
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON He Finds Us Where We Are

HYMN 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Guy Veazey. Greeters of the Day are W. B. Terrell and Bill Blanchard.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Gray Lackey in memory of his grandparents, Mrs. Mary Dhu Carter and Mr. Lewis H. Lackey.

TODAY 1:30 Senior Hi Youth
3:00 Youth Choir
5:15 Confirmation Class
6:30 Family Night

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is administered today to Jamie Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Jim and Sue Brown and granddaughter of Bill and Helene Ellis.

OUR COVERED DISH FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:30. Following the meal, Mr. Irwin Smallwood will speak to us concerning the World Council of Churches meeting in Nairobi. A special program is planned for the younger children.

THE LENTEN STUDIES are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and Wednesdays at noon. This week's session on the fifth Beatitude will be led by Rev. Michael Hooper of Providence UCC, Graham.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long and Elsie Bryant at Memorial, Burlington and Andy McLelland at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

RESERVATIONS for the Spring Gathering of the Laity to be held at Elon College on April 4 are due next week. Please sign the list on the narthex table.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING for the One Great Hour of Sharing will be received on March 28.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 21, 1976

John 2:13-25

Jesus ran head-on into evil at Jerusalem. Traders profaned the temple. Religious leaders made each convert "a child of hell." The mindless crowd hung on to dead tradition, missed God's salvation and, finally, demanded Jesus' death. What does Jesus run into in Cincinnati and Chicago? Dallas, Detroit, and Denver? Scranton, Sacramento, and Sioux Falls? Does he collide with evil that stirs grief over the human condition, works human self-destruction, and that sends Christ to some new Calvary? Or is he met with welcome and does he find exaltation as Lord?

NEXT STEPS IN HELPING FIGHT HUNGER IN INDIA

As the glamorous promises of the "green revolution" begin to shrink into more realistic perspective, the enormous problems of agricultural production and food supply for India's growing millions loom larger and larger. In one limited area around Raipur in north central India, the United Church Board for World Ministries is making a significant contribution to solutions for these problems through its support of the Rural Life Program of the Church of North India.

The Rural Life Program pre-dates the creation of the Church of North India, but recently it has become administratively related to that church's Board of Agriculture and Economic Development. A graduate of Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Mr. Budh Singh, is the Indian director. The Raipur Rural Life Program is diversified and decentralized with a variety of training classes and field demonstrations, an extension service, several farms producing income for local congregations, a major land-reclamation project, and marketing cooperatives for dairy and poultry products.

You help support the Rural Life Program in Raipur, India, and similar long-term hunger-fighting programs around the world when you give to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering which many congregations are receiving during the Lenten season. When it is received in your congregation, please be generous.

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he who does what is true comes to the light



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March 28, 1976 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Sacrifice of God's Own Son Scheidt

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
*HYMN OF PRAISE 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)
Our Father, we acknowledge with shame the fickleness of our moods. Within the same day we shuttle between assurance and doubt. Steady us, O God. Help us to grow up and to keep growing toward the fulness of our Master. Amen
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
* The Doxology
THE LENTEN LESSONS Luke 15:11-24, John 3:14-21

ANTHEM He Comes To Us Marshall

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"
THE MORNING PRAYERS
Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lord
MOMENTS OF CONCERN
Our Concern of the Day Rhonald Mukombe
Offertory Andante Maestoso Bach
* Congregational Response 66, stanza 5
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Our Being and Our Becoming

*HYMN 381 "My Faith, It Is An Oaken Staff"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response — God Be With You

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Marsh McLelland. Greeters of the Day are W. C. Perry and E. S. Lankford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. A. I. Braxton and Family in memory of her husband.

TODAY
2:00 Senior Hi Youth
4:00 Youth Choir
4:45 Acolytes
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:00 Worship Committee

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING for One Great Hour of Sharing is received today. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

THE LENTEN STUDIES are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and Wednesdays at noon. This week's sessions on the sixth Beatitude will be led by Andy Huggins.

RESERVATIONS for the Spring Gathering of the Laity to be held at Elon College on April 4 are due this week. Please sign the list on the narthex table.

AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members begins next Sunday during the church school hour. The class is open to all our visitors and others who are considering membership here.

OTHER: Frankie Long is a patient at Memorial and Jane Rinker at County Hospital...Articles for The Torch are due tomorrow morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 28, 1976

John 3:14-21

"Bad men all hate the light and avoid it," says the writer of the Fourth Gospel, "for fear their practices should be shown up." Aldous Huxley's experience corroborates this. In his book, *Ends and Means,* Huxley says that he once wanted to believe that the world has no meaning, since to see it in religious light would restrain his freedom to do evil. Religious doubt can stem from the effort to hide our sin and persist in it. But those who "do the truth" come out into the light of faith. There, one sees God at work in them.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The urgent, painful cry of a single hungry child is heartbreaking. Multiply that cry by the millions of hungry children in the world and the effect would be deafening! Does our heartbreak increase in proportion to the numbers? Probably not, for we are so stunned by the enormity of the problem that we cannot comprehend its real dimensions.

Yet, perhaps it is enough if we hear and respond in compassion to the single cry of food, for when we respond through Church World Service we are, in effect, answering the larger cry for help. Our gifts, when multiplied by the gifts of others, can help to feed the hungry and to heal the heartbreak which we feel when we consider the overwhelming needs of hungry children throughout the world.

In Africa, Latin America, East Asia, Southern Asia, Middle East, Europe, and North America, Church World Service projects feed and give medical attention to children — one by one. And they teach mothers new methods of caring for their children and how, through family planning, they can begin to control the scope of the problem.

Throughout the whole wide world, the service agencies of denominations related to the National Council of Churches/U.S.A., working together through Church World Service, hear the cries of hungry children and respond in your name and in the name of Christ. You help through your giving to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering.

Nancy Nicalo
Assistant Executive Director
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WHEN I AM
LIFTED UP
FROM THE
EARTH,
WILL DRAW
ALL MEN
TO MYSELF

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April 4, 1976 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death Van Huls

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living Go
*HYMN OF PRAISE 352 "Lift Up Your Hearts"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting
Forgive us, our Father, for being so careless
with the world you so carefully made;
for being so inconsiderate
of people you considered worth dying for;
for being so irreverent
about life you obviously revere.
Forgive us, we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
* The Doxology
THE LENTEN LESSONS Matthew 7:21-29; John 12:20-3

ANTHEM All in the April Evening Roberto

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 197 "At the Name of Jesus" (st. 1-3)
THE MORNING PRAYERS
Choral Response Twofold Amen
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Solo The Beatitudes Gounod
(Joseph Gminder, Tenor)
* Congregational Response We Give Thee but Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Practicing What We Preach

*HYMN 380 "March On, O Soul, With Strength"

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response God Be With You
*POSTLUDE Rejoice, All Ye Christians Pepping

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. H. H. Cunningham. Greeters of the Day are Howard Loy and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields.

TODAY 2:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:15 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE LENTEN STUDIES are held on Tuesday evenings and Wednesdays at noon. This week's sessions on the "Peacemaker Beatitude" will be led by Rev. Jerry Moore of St. John's UCC, Burlington.

ELON BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL DAY is Saturday, April 10. The parade begins at 10. Other activities include a drama, art exhibit, picnic lunch, band concert, gazebo dedication, street dancing, and games for all ages...Our young people will be presenting "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere", a one act comedy, Saturday at 11:00 at Whitley Auditorium. Miss Grubb is director.

AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members began today and will continue through April. The sessions are held during the church school hour. Others are still invited to join us.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 4, 1976

John 12:20-33

Two mysteries mark Jesus' death: the enigma of evil, and a love beyond logic. Why do some have evil power over others? That riddle is unsolved, and the power and will of some to crush the life of others abides in history. So against the lowering sky we push a puzzled, unanswered, "Why?"But that other mystery abides, too: life going to its limit to endow others with full life. Such life wears Christ's marks: wounds and triumph. And when to heaven we push our joyful, "Why?" we are answered — not with logic — but with the upward pull of limitless love.

DELMO — TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD AND GOING STRONG

Twenty-five years ago in Lilbourn, Missouri, a group of concerned church and community leaders saw an opportunity and seized it. Ten small villages of homes, built to house laborers for the cotton fields, had been declared surplus and were to be torn down. Changes in cotton farming had lessened the need for farm labor, but the laborers and their families remained — too poor to move away. The far-sighted citizens formed the Delmo Housing Corporation to buy all ten villages and to sell houses to their occupants on terms they could afford.

Today, some 600 homes are privately owned by both black and white families, families whose average income is less than $2,000 per year. Over the past years, Delmo has helped to organize and develop these communities. One Delmo community action program received the first grant in Southeast Missouri from the federal government's Office of Economic Opportunity. One village has now been annexed by a neighboring town, and villagers are active in civic affairs. Four other villages have separately incorporated and maintain their own governments.

Delmo's diverse operation includes a thrift shop for sale of used clothing and toys, a migrant health program, an extension-service nutrition program, Neighborhood Youth Corps, Headstart, a cooperative mental-health program, scholarships, cooperative community gardens, skills training, summer work camps, and a summer lunch program for school-age children which operates twenty-six distribution points throughout Southeast Missouri.

Through these years of growth, the United Church of Christ Missouri Conference and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries have supported the Delmo Housing Corporation. While extreme poverty and racial discrimination still remain, Delmo has served as a catalyst for inter-agency cooperation and progress. Delmo is now twenty-five years old and still going strong!

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HOSANNA!



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April 11, 1976 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
* People: The Disciples began to rejoice and praise God.
* Choir: Praise ye the Lord.
* People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
* Choir: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.
* People: Hosanna in the highest!
* All: The Doxology

THE LENTEN LESSONS Mark 11:1-10; 14:32-50

ANTHEM Lord, Thou hast been our Dwelling Place Monaco

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
THE MORNING PRAYERS
Choral Response Threefold Amen
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Christ Suffered for our Sins Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee but Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON The Excuses Go On and On

*HYMN 175 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

ENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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HE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT of palms is given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family. Following the Service, individual palm branches will be distributed.

ODAY: 4:00 Youth Choir
4:45 Christian Education Committee
5:15 Confirmation Class
6:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee

HE LENTEN STUDIES are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 and Wednesdays at noon. This week's sessions will be led by our Pastor.

UR MAUNDY THURSDAY Service of Tenebrae, including altar communion, will begin at 7:30.

EXT SUNDAY: Easter breakfast will begin at 8:00 in the Parish House. Reservations should be submitted today. At 9:30 the All-Church School Gathering will be led by Rev. Richard Rinker. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11:00.

THER: Martha Caddell is a patient at County Hospital and Frankie Long at Memorial...Articles for The Torch are due tomorrow morning...Please secure in the narthex your envelope of financial statements of first quarter contributions...Families who wish to place lilies in the chancel next Sunday are asked to call the church office by Wednesday in order that the bulletin can include the names of donors and persons to be honored or memorialized.

PALM SUNDAY **April 11, 1976**

Mark 11:1-11

Outside Jerusalem a little crowd formed, sat Jesus on a colt, spread clothes and carpetwood in his path, and walked by him, shouting, "Hosanna!" — a cry by which they sought and celebrated God's deliverance: "O save now!" But the crowd misread Jesus, expecting him to answer with legions from heaven. Their parade evaporated before it got to the city. Jesus moved on through conflict and death to new life. The "Hosanna!" was answered. God loosed into our history, not force to overwhelm and control, but power to make life just and whole. "Hosanna!"

HOSANNA!

What image comes to your mind when you think of *victory?* A clear image for me is a ticker-tape parade. I vividly recall the news film of John Glenn's ride down Wall Street, his arms upstretched amid noisy glory. My values have changed since space shots tingled my spine. Nonetheless, the ticker-tape parade image for me is clearly one of *victory.*

Contrast such a "space-shot victory" with Jesus' ride into Jerusalem. A figure whose life-and-death story shapes an era made his messianic appearance in the Holy City riding upon a veritable symbol of humility and poverty. What a political embarrassment Jesus must have been to his followers!

Some Christians describe Jesus' triumphal entry as paradoxical. I would rather view it as revolutionary. Jesus was a man who upturned traditional concepts and attitudes. Certainly his ride exemplified upturning the concept of victory. In the Sermon on the Mount, especially in the Beatitudes, Jesus verbalized his views. On Palm Sunday, in Jerusalem, he embodied them.

The writers of the rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar* have helped me to deal with Jesus' radically different view of his own triumph when they have Jesus comment that no one — friend or foe — not even doomed Jerusalem, in the words of the rock opera, "understands what power is, what glory is, understands at all!"

Today, and during the next religiously sobering week, may our thoughts be focused toward "understanding what power is, understanding what glory is." Hosanna!

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 15, 1976

PRELUDE

HYMN 157 "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory"

LITANY FOR HOLY WEEK

Pastor: Our hearts are heavy as we worship the crucified Lord.
People: He died for our sins.
Pastor: We watch with horror as we anticipate his death on the cross.
People: He died for our sins.
Pastor: We see the evil in the world around him.
People: He died for our sins.
Pastor: We, too, have denied our Lord.
People: He died for our sins.
Pastor: We, too, have betrayed our Lord.
People: He died for our sins.
All: Forgive us, Lord, and love us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:13-53:12
First Word From the Cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
Choral Response Hymn 166, Part I

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:22-37
Second Word From the Cross: "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."
Choral Response Hymn 166, Part II

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 40:1-10
Third Word From the Cross "Woman, behold thy son!" "Behold thy mother!"
Choral Response Hymn 166, Part III

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 22:1-5,9-11
Fourth Word From the Cross: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
Choral Response — Hymn 166, Part IV

SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 22:54-62
Fifth Word From the Cross — "I Thirst"
Choral Response — Hymn 166, Part V

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 22:12-21
Sixth Word From the Cross — "It is Finished"
Choral Response — Hymn 166, Part VI

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 130
Seventh Word From the Cross: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."
Choral Response — Hymn 166, Part VII

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Jesus, you have died that we might live.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You have suffered that we might be forgiven.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You will rise again that we might have eternal life.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: Make us strong in our faith and secure in our hope that we may die to rise again with you.
People: Humbly, we ask you. Amen

THE TABLE COMMUNION

(Participants may come forward individually for private communion. After communing, please return to a pew for private meditation until all have communed.)

BENEDICTION.

Take this, a



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He has risen



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April 18, 1976 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Easter Morn Van Huls
(Maurine Gminder, Piano)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*INTROIT
Pastor: Mary Magdalene first declared it, "I have seen the Lord".
People: This is the glorious Easter message, Jesus Christ is risen.
Pastor: The world cannot bury Christ. He still lives in the hearts which burn as he walks with them by the way.
Choir: "Lift up your Hearts, ye People"
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2

ANTHEM Lillies of the Dawn Marryot

THE PASTORAL PRAYER Threefold Amen

THE OFFERING
Offertory Christ, Our Redemption Scheidt
* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Believing the Resurrection

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation

Communion Collect, Hymnal page 495
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
The Communion
* Prayer of Thanksgiving, Hymnal page 496
*HYMN 193 "Thine is the Glory"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response Now Let the Earth be Joyful

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

WELCOME to all who share our worship on this Easter Sunday and especially to the visitors among us. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the narthex or one of the cards in the pews. Our common practice is to observe "Open Communion" inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton in memory of their parents.

TEN of our Senior Hi Youth and Miss Grubb leave Tuesday for the Newton Retirement Home. They will return on Friday.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP of the Burlington District meets Thursday evening at 7:00 at Beverly Hills Church.

OTHER: The church office will be closed tomorrow... Thanks to those who helped with and attended the breakfast today...The Finance Committee meets Wednesday evening at 7:00...The Confirmation Class meets Saturday morning at 11:00...New members will be received next Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 18, 1976

Mark 16:1-8

"He has risen!" That can mean a thousand things to a thousand persons. In Jesus' resurrection, the first Christians found the joy of inheriting God's salvation, a legacy more precious than perishable gold. "He has risen" told Jesus' disciples that he was alive and preceded them into Galilee. It assures us of his present help through the scenes and situations of our common days: birth, life, and death. Through all discoveries and dilemmas, Jesus leads us toward human history's climax and God's final victory over death and sin. "He has risen, indeed!"

CHRIST HAS RISEN INDEED!

"He has risen, he is not here." Indeed, God has rolled away the stone. Or, as Michel Quoist has written in *Prayers*, "The years of training were over, but the eternal work was about to start. He had just been born of life, the real life. Life that's going to last, life eternal."

Today marks a dramatic event that puts life in the dimension of the eternal. We are bound no longer by the yesterdays that weigh so heavily upon our todays, but we may with confidence face the tomorrows, when today becomes "the first day of the rest of our life."

Today marks a significant event that gives meaning to whatever work we do. We have been called to follow in Christ's footsteps, to minister in Christ's name. No longer are we bound by a job that enslaves, but we are freed to respond to Christ's call to "come, follow me."

Today marks a memorable event that sets us within the context of a loving and supportive community. We no longer need to face the despair of alienation or loneliness but may with joy participate through the water that anoints us and the bread and wine that unites us. Alleluia, Christ has risen!

James G. Kirk
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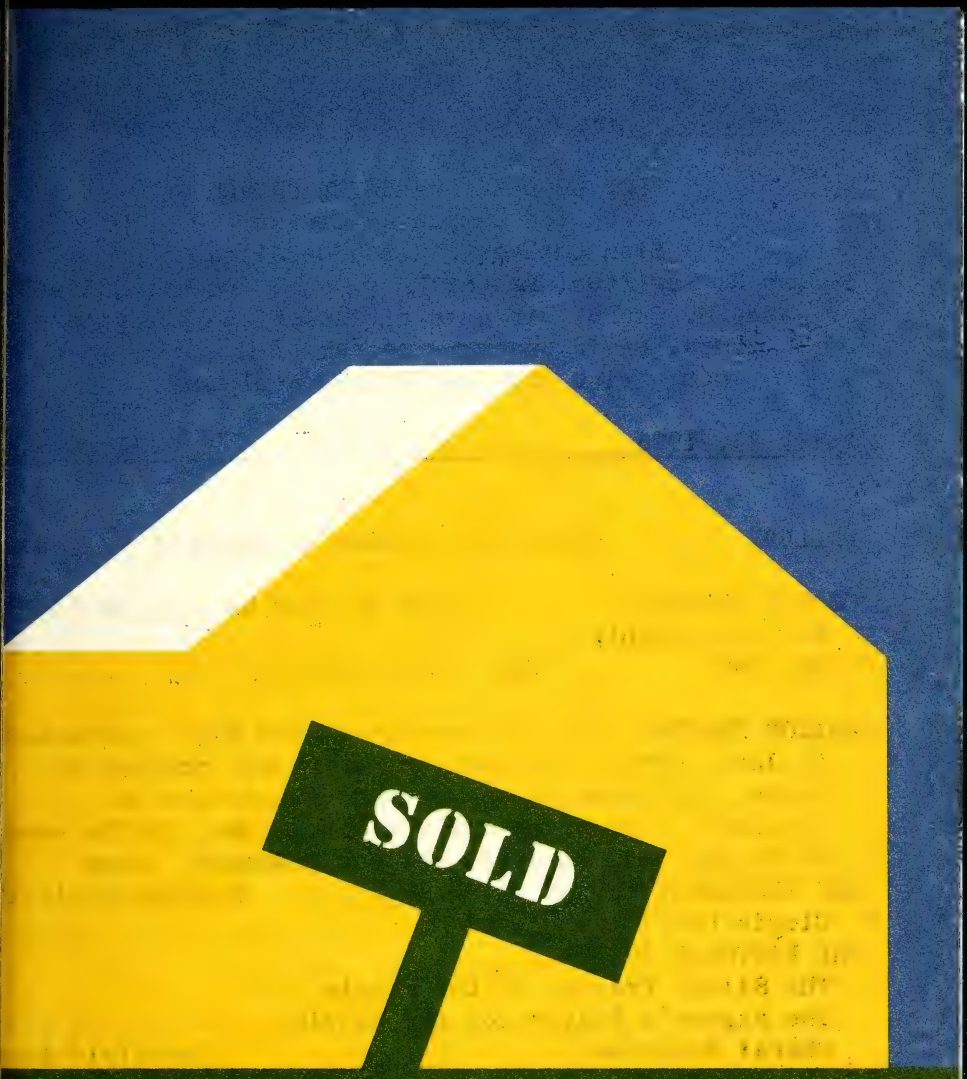
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April 25, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Christ the Savior is Risen Bach

CHORAL INTROIT Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People
Call to Worship
*HYMN 446 "God the Omnipotent"

*UNISON PRAYER: In the presence of the Word - revealed in Jesus Christ, written in Scripture, praised in hymns, expressed in prayer, and proclaimed in preaching - we offer our worship, O God, in the name of Christ, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 28:11-20
* Gloria Patri
THE PASTORAL PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Anthem Alleluia! Alleluia! Neale
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON A Great Commission

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
The Vows
* The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism
Laying on of Hands

First Communion
Reception of other New Members
Congregation: Beloved, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and give you our support in prayer and service that you may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses with us of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

HYMN 391 "Be Thou My Vision" (st. 1-3)

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the Narthex. Among our visitors are about 30 youth and adults from the Park Place UCC of Pawtucket, R.I. They are on a workcamp at the Elon Home for Children.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of their grandchildren, Paul and Brian Purdy, by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford.

TODAY: 5:30 Acolytes
6:00 Softball for youth and adults at the college field.

NEW MEMBERS are received into our church fellowship today. Greg Powell and Jane Haviland are received by Baptism and Confirmation. Jim Byers, Bill Elzey, Sharon Rinker, and Edrie Updyke are received by Confirmation. Frank and Louise Piercy are received by Letter of Transfer.

YOU ARE INVITED to join the campus community for worship on Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Whitley Auditorium. Dr. James Slatton of River Road Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. will be guest speaker.

OTHER: **The Finance Committee meets Wednesday at 7:00... Articles for The Torch are due tomorrow morning... The Worship Committee will not meet this evening as earlier scheduled.**

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

April 25, 1976

Acts 4:32-35

It may surprise us to hear that the Early Church practiced "communism." "They had everything in common," reports Luke, "...and distribution was made to each as any had need." It may relieve us to hear that they gave it up. But we should probe their experience enough to learn why. They expected Jesus to return quickly, so property was not important. When he did not, property recovered its importance. Yet, Jesus does return again and again. In the hurt and need of my neighbor, Jesus faces me with a just claim to share that which I think of as my own.

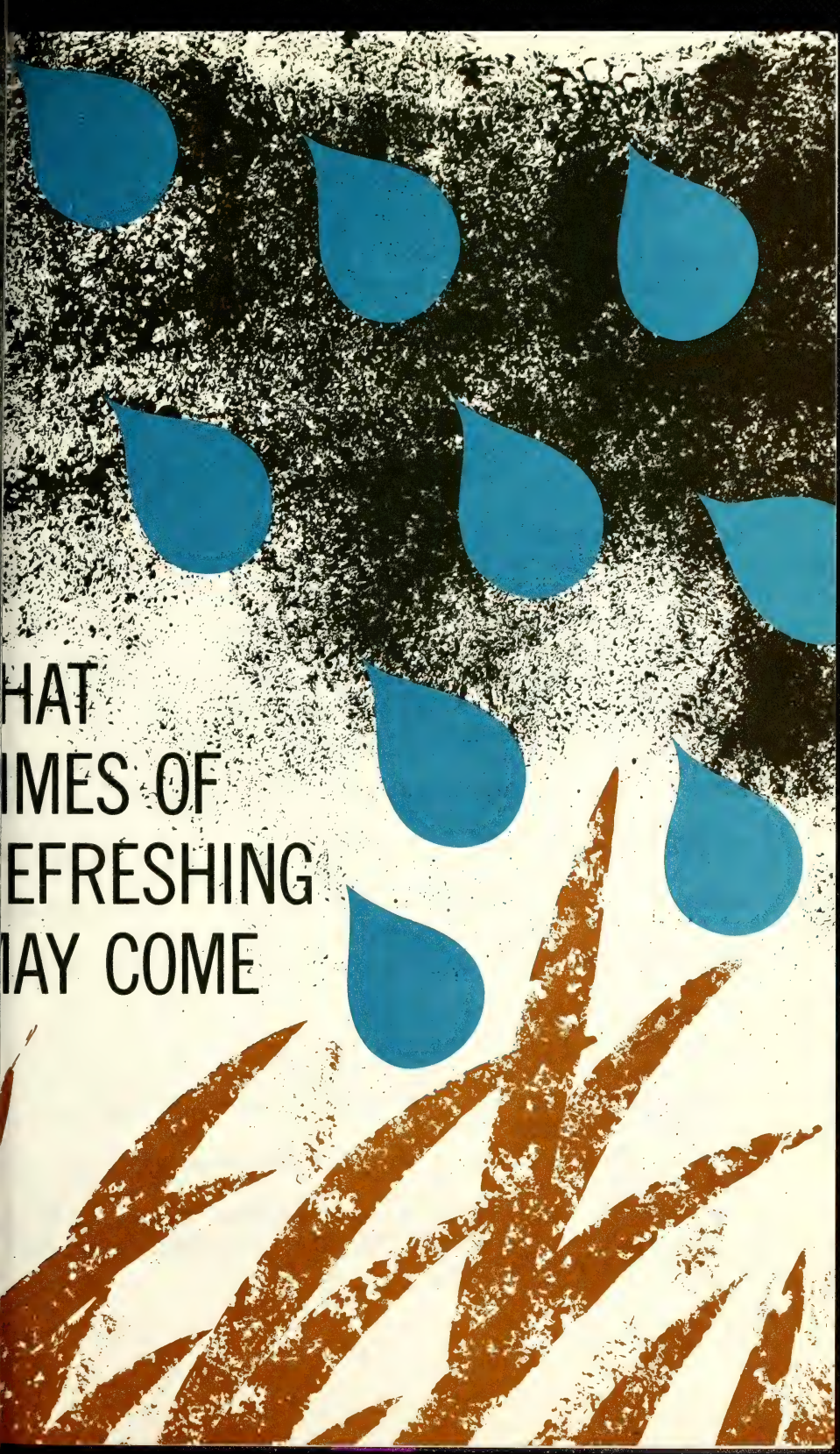
SHARING CONCERN FOR THE BALD IBIS

The bald ibis, a bird which once was common in many parts of Europe, North Africa, and the Near East, is almost extinct. The nesting place for the final colony of birds is a ledge cut in a cliff by the Euphrates River in southern Turkey. For many years, the ledge was several kilometers from a nearby town, but the town grew and now there are houses built almost within arm's reach of the last remaining bald ibis.

In 1972, this rapidly vanishing bird for the first time came to the attention of many people in Turkey as the result of the publication of a new book by Redhouse Press, a missionary enterprise related to our United Church Board for World Ministries. Redhouse Press, concerned for the care of God's world, published two books on the birds of Turkey, part of a series on wildlife and resources. The books, beautifully illustrated by the German photographer Udo Hirsch, have stimulated a new interest in the bald ibis and in the whole field of ecology. The Turkish writers of the books, Salih and Belkis Acar, are especially concerned that the children of their country be helped to appreciate the fragile relationships which bind humankind to the natural world. Since publication of their best-seller textbooks, the Acars have lectured to schools and conservation groups. The Turkish National Parks System cooperated with the World Wildlife Fund in a project of protecting the birds and their nesting place in Birecik. A traveling exhibit on the birds has been seen by over 100,000 people in Istanbul and also in Izmir, Ankara, and Birecik, under the co-sponsorship of Redhouse Press and of a newly established Turkish Society for the Protection of Wildlife.

Since 1972, the number of bald ibis in Birecik has been slowly increasing. Last year seventy-five birds were counted, and television and radio covered their return to Birecik. As Salih Acar points out, "The near extinction of the bald ibis reminds us that we are only one of the three million kinds of life on the earth, and the balance of nature depends on the survival of each kind."

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May 2, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Trio for Organ C.P.E. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PSALTER READING 93 Psalm 96 p. 530

ANTHEM Seek Ye The Lord Roberts
(Maurine Gminder, Soprano)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 3:11-19

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 87 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Unto Thee, O Lord, We Give Thanks Young

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMONS OF SCRIPTURE No. 1: Times of Refreshment

HYMN 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (st. 1-4)

BENEDICTION
Choral Response God be with you

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Ralph Oxford. Greeters of the Day are J. E. Danieley and W. G. White.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook in memory of their sisters, Mrs. Hubert Whitmire, Mrs. M. A. Van Billard, and Mrs. R. O. McDonald.

TODAY: 7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week:
Circle 1 meets with Mrs. Martin
Circle 2 meets with Mrs. Schmidt
Circle 3 meets with Mrs. Cary Matlock
Circle 4 meets with Mrs. Harper
Circle 5 meets with Mrs. Long
Circle 6 meets with Mrs. Fabian
May Fellowship Day, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held Friday at 12 noon at First Christian Church, Burlington. Theme: "1776 - Valiant Women - 1976".

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Catherine P. Leach of Sanford, Florida on April 28.

Acts 3:13-15; 17-19

"Times of refreshing..."
Rain falling on grass.
Evening, at a lake, on a hill, by a shore.
The sight of El Grecos, the smell of roses, the sounds of sonatas.
The embrace of a loved one; laughter from a child.
A meal eaten with friends; a fast so another may eat.
A javelin prayer, thrown to the sky.
The Household of Faith, gathered and waiting for God.
God's gentle and mighty Spirit, giving our spirts power and peace.

ECUMENICITY IN PARTICULAR

"Ecumenicity," writes John H. Satterwhite, associate general secretary of the Consultation on Church Union, "has been too general and must now be particular in local communities and local churches." How can this be? How can a process which has represented visionary thinking of the highest order for leaders of nine Protestant denominations in the United States become a reality for members of those denominations where they live?

Perhaps several examples can help to give the answer:

- An ecumenical team reaches into a local situation and unites into a common community varieties of people who formerly did not trust each other as brothers and sisters, even though they belong to the same church.
- Jointly confronting the needs of blacks, women, and poor people in the new mission of the church today, Christians of several denominations together demonstrate racial, confessional, sexual, and age equality in the church.
- Working together on common problems, members of cooperating denominations learn something which is indispensable in the historic Christian community, something of the unity-in-diversity which is possible in contemporary American church life.

We who are members of the denominations which constitute the Consultation on Church Union are convinced that the unity of humanity and the unity of the church are both God's gift and Christ's command. We feel that the proposed Church of Christ Uniting can be the gospel of union in our day, a response to Jesus' prayer "that they all may be one...that the world may know that you sent me."

This message was prepared for joint use by the United Presbyterian Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ.

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One flock,
one shepherd

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May 9, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio from First Sonata Mendelssohn
(Jane Danieley, Guest Organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145
Pastor: The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.
People: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.
Choir: Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 3 "God Himself is With Us"

PSALTER READING 69 Psalm 23 p. 518

ANTHEM O How Amiable Vaughan Williams

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS John 10:11-18; I John 3:1-3

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 265 "O God, Within Whose Sight"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Jesu Meine Freude Bach
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Wildcats, Tigers, Barracudas, and Sheep

HYMN 327 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response God be with you

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. T. E. Gilliam, Sr. by the Family.

TODAY: Happy Mother's Day
3:00 Senior High Youth
7:00 Music Committee
8:00 Building Consecration Committee

FAMILY NIGHT next Sunday evening will be sponsored by our Senior Hi Youth as they share their recent experiences and learnings from the April workcamp at the Newton Retirement Home. The covered-dish dinner begins at 6:00. Beverages and place settings will be provided by the youth.

HOSPITALIZED Susan Barbee and Estelle Perry at Memorial, Burlington; Andy McLelland at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION for summer camp is available in Miss Grubb's office.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

May 9, 1976

John 10:11-18

Diversity and unity run intertwined through the New Testament. The Good Shepherd cares for one sheep as much as for a flock. Churches at Jerusalem and Antioch, one led by Peter, the other by Paul, sharply differ. The Spirit, we read, gives "varieties of gifts...for the common good." But today, says Hans Kung, the "conflicting plurality of churches" is a disaster for mission. Christians must become one flock with one shepherd, though that does not necessarily mean that we be in one fold. If we own one Lord, our diversity can serve the deepest unity.

THE CHURCH'S FAMILY

Such scenes can help us to see God's kingdom:

- At a church camp-out, a five-year-old youngster kisses the cheek of a woman who treated the child's injured finger and calls the woman her "nurse."
- A fellowship of a few church families is gathered in a member's home. All ages are represented. Older adults play with babies and tell stories to children and teenagers. Parents care for each other's children and share with older adults the challenges of rearing children.
- On a Sunday morning at the doorway of a church, a two-year-old runs into the arms of her special adult friend.

Today let us celebrate the family of mother, father, and children. But let us also celebrate the church's family which can enrich the life of every family.

Jesus said: "Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me" (Matthew 10:40, TEV). As families "welcome" each other within the church, they become part of a larger family spread across their community. Within this family children can find care which helps them to grow, teenagers can discover examples of loving persons responding to the world's demands, and adults can find new ways to serve.

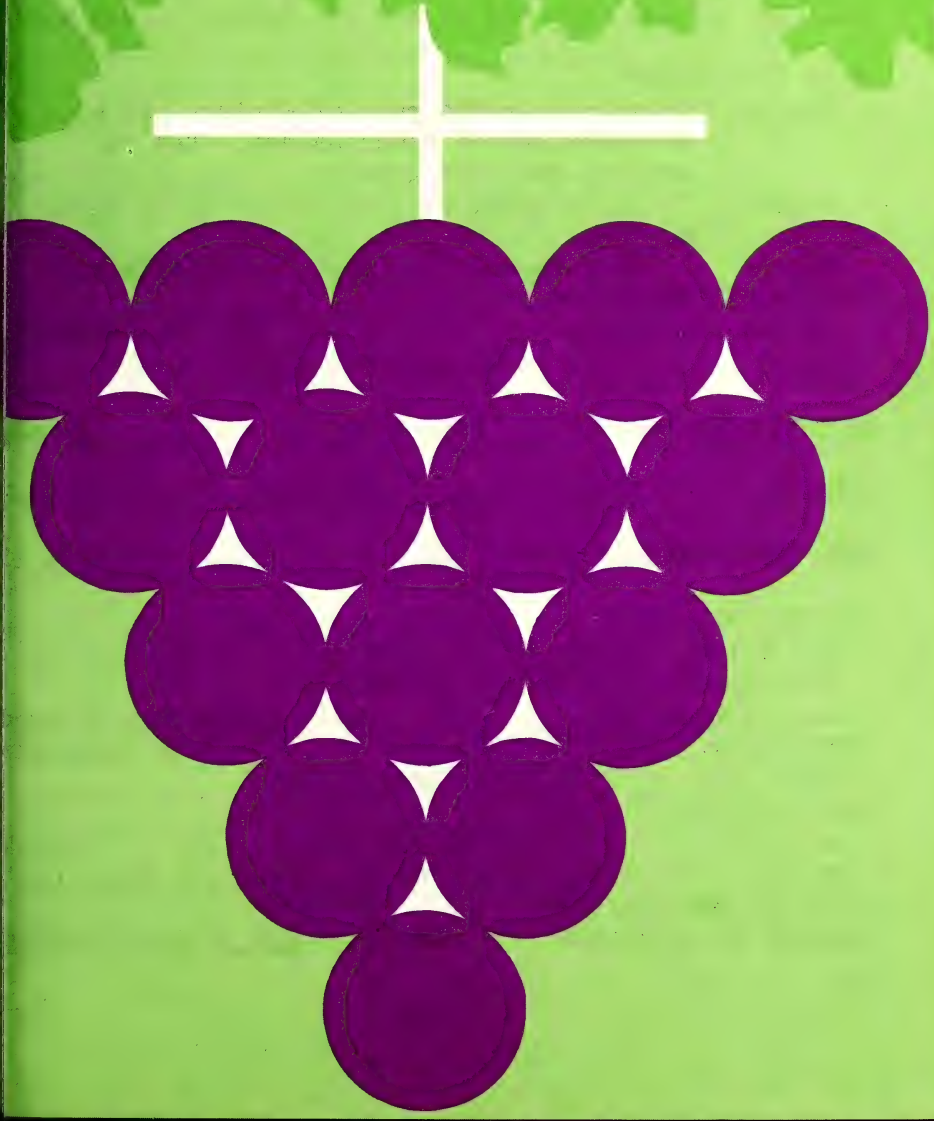
The sharing community of Christ is a family. The more of God's love there is within that family, the more there is to share.

Norman Linville
Assistant Editor, Children's Publications
Christian Board of Publication
St. Louis, Missouri

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That
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much fruit



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May 16, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Christ Ascended to God the Father Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: We gather in the name of Christ. As he promised, he is among us now. Let us worship the living God.
People: In his kingdom we live and in it we have our hope.
Choir: Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 6 "O Worship The King"

UNISON READING 120 Isaiah 55 p. 543

ANTHEM Jesue Priceless Treasure Bach

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 13

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jane Alexander

* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Maestoso for Organ Franck

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMONS OF SCRIPTURE No. 2: Now in Your Hearing

YMN 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. T. A. Boland and in honor of Mrs. T. A. Boland by the Family.

TODAY: 4:00 Senior Hi Youth
6:00 Family Night
8:00 Outreach Committee

THE FAMILY NIGHT covered-dish dinner begins this evening at 6:00. Please bring meat, vegetable, or salad. Beverage and table service will be provided. The Senior Hi Youth will share their experiences from the workcamp at the Newton Retirement Home.

HOSPITALIZED: Susan Barbee and Frankie Long at Memorial, Burlington; Andy McLelland at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will hold Church School and Church Worship as usual at 9:45 and 11:00 o'clock. During the Worship Hour, the Christian Education Committee will recognize our eleven 1976 high school graduates.

THE LEIGHTON FORD REACHOUT will be held nightly at 7:30, May 16-23, at the Williams High Stadium.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE **May 16, 1976**

John 15:1-8

Bir Zeit College, near Jerusalem, provides quality education to 400 Arab students. Once a three-year school, it now offers a four-year degree program and plans a new campus at Ramallah. Through our Board for World Ministries, we in the United Church of Christ share with others in supporting Bir Zeit College. Our 17/76 Achievement Fund is helping the college to finance special projects to upgrade its teaching. Such enablement of others to gain skill, knowledge, and wisdom can signify that we live in Jesus, the Great Teacher, and that through him we "bear much fruit."

17/76, A REAL ACHIEVEMENT

Joy has come to congregations and members of the United Church of Christ as they have contributed to the 17/76 Achievement Fund. Launched by the General Synod to provide urgently needed financial assistance to our six predominantly black American Missionary Association Colleges and to overseas education projects of the Board for World Ministries, the fund campaign has encompassed nearly all conferences and nearly 60 percent of all U.C.C. congregations.

- Federated Church, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, with a goal of $72,000, reports over $80,000 in pledges.
- General Synod last June celebrated reaching the Primary Goal of $13,000,000 in goals adopted by local churches. Churches were encouraged to move toward the $17,000,000 Challenge Goal.
- One listener at an AMA college choir concert put an $1,800 check in the offering plate, describing himself as "a U.C.C. member-at-large."
- The Congregational United Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, with a goal of $3,600 reached nearly $7,000 in pledges.
- Lemuel Foster, New York, contributed funds to "17/76" in memory of his wife. Both were 1911 graduates of Fisk University.
- The six AMA colleges have already received more than $3,000,000, the largest amount going to scholarship funds.
- Women's Christian College, Madras, India, benefited from a $14,000 special "17/76" gift from the Women's Fellowship of the Michigan Conference. Many other overseas projects have also received such special designations.

17/76 represents in the life of the United Church of Christ a real achievement. And we rejoice!

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Abide in my love

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May 23, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Andante for Organ Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: The wisdom of God is both awesome and kindly. Let us approach him now, trusting his kindness yet in awe of his greatness.
People: The Lord is good. His mercy and kindness endure for all generations.
Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 19 "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Miss Grubb

ANTHEM SOLO Great Peace Have They Lully
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
NEW TESTAMENT READING I John 4:7-21

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen
CHILDREN'S SERMON Suzanne Payseur
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth (st. 1-4)
THE OFFERING
Offertory Offertory for Organ II Guilmant
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Christian Equation

*HYMN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. G. Alvin Noah by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dixon.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

WE RECOGNIZE TODAY the following thirteen young people who will be graduated from area high schools: Peggy Andrews, Susan Barney, Keith Berry, Olga Griswold, Joe McLelland, Joe Meravy, Lora Miles, James Moncure, Jr., Steve Perry, Tim Price, Joyce Smith, Jane Updyke, and Tammy Zufall.

NEXT SUNDAY, the Outreach Committee will sponsor a "Lemonade Break" from 10:35 to 10:50 on the front church lawn. Come a little early and join us.

REGISTRATIONS for Day Camp June 14-18 at Moonelon for 4th, 5th and 6th graders are due tomorrow. Please see Miss Grubb.

THE LEIGHTON FORD REACHOUT concludes with this evening's Service at 7:30 at Williams High Stadium.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

May 23, 1976

John 15:9-17

Mark speaks the language of action. "And immediately..." he repeatedly writes. Matthew speaks the language of tradition. Jesus is Israel's Messiah, whose ancestrage runs back through David to Abraham. Luke speaks the language of universality. He traces Jesus' lineage to Adam and Eve, the ancestors of everyone. John speaks the language of love. For love of the world, God sent Jesus. This Jesus bids his followers: "Live in my love. Find joy as it feeds, heals, and shapes you. Bear fruit in it. For my love's sake, feed, heal, and teach each other."

CELEBRATE AN ACHIEVEMENT

This Sunday is designated a day of celebration of the 17/76 Achievement Fund, dedicated to "equality through education." We lift prayers of gratitude for the response from our churches to the first national capital funding campaign since the formation of the United Church of Christ.

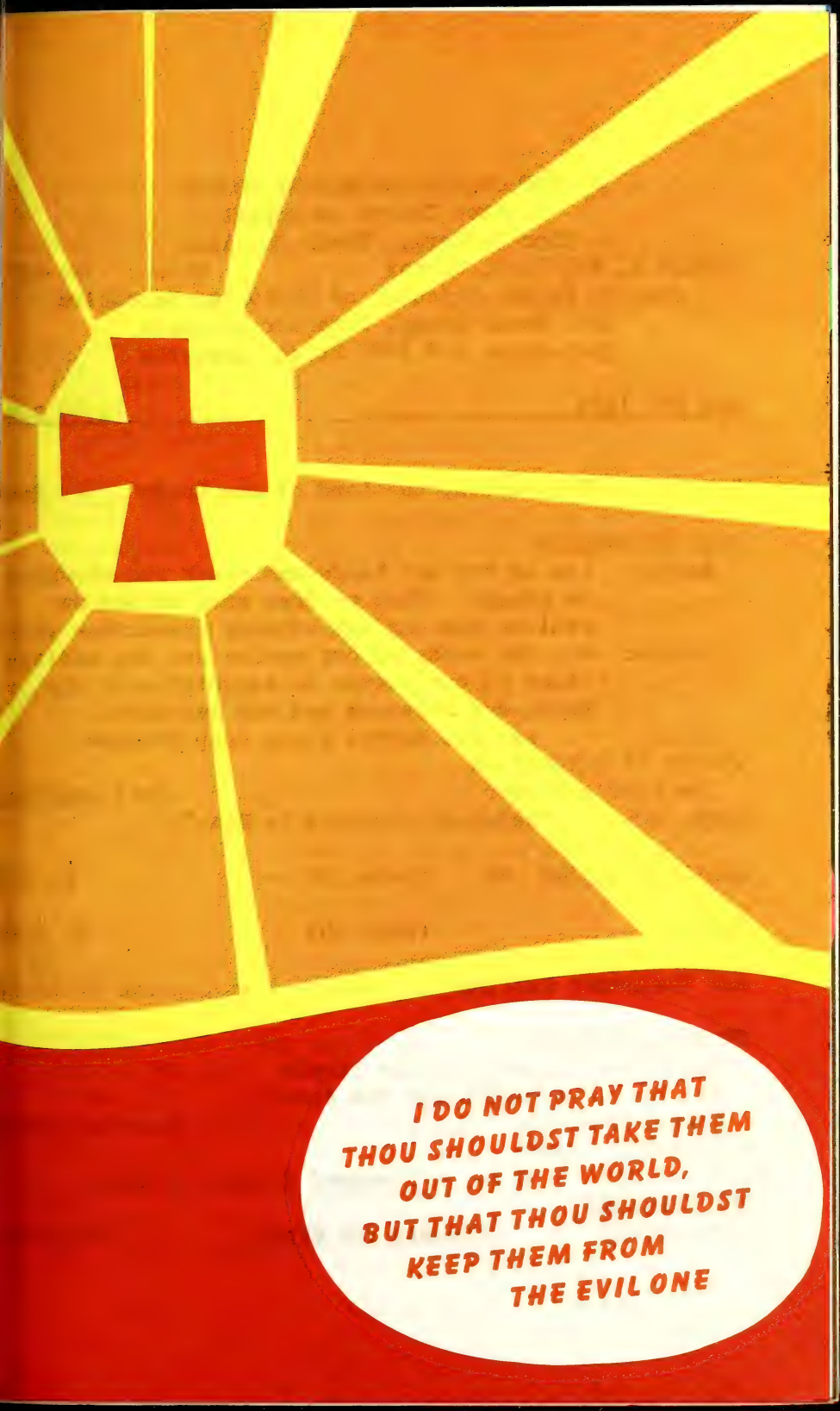
At last report, the response included: 3,459 churches which voted participation in the campaign; goals adopted by local churches totaling $13,400,000; actual pledges of $7,500,000 toward these goals. A response to celebrate! Now faithfulness is required in payment of the pledges and a continued response is needed from churches not yet participating, in order to achieve our national Challenge Goal of $17,000,000.

We give thanks for a response which enables the six predominantly black American Missionary Association Colleges and the Board for World Ministries to give to youth today the unique educational ministry which has been developed through more than a century of service.

Let us celebrate and renew our commitment to "equality through education" and to the heritage of freedom which is ours as heirs of the gospel. Freedom and caring both need constant nurture through the life of our churches.

Grant, O Lord, that the freedom we are called to in Christ may be the experience of all persons everywhere. May there ever be cause for celebration through the stewardship which we exercise as creative members of the body of Christ. Amen.

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I DO NOT PRAY THAT
THOU SHOULDST TAKE THEM
OUT OF THE WORLD,
BUT THAT THOU SHOULDST
KEEP THEM FROM
THE EVIL ONE

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May 30, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Praise God, the Lord of the Earth Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Let us bow our heads and order our thoughts in prayer. When we draw near to God we realize that he has already drawn near to us
People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to the Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.
Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting
*HYMN 204 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

PSALTER READING 96 Psalm 103 p. 53

ANTHEM Psalm 103 N. Cai

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:16-3

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amer

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Andante for Organ Van Hulse

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMONS IN SCRIPTURE No. 3: We Are His Offspring

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Marshall W. Hook and Gerald E. Hook by the Family.

TODAY: 5:30 Acolytes
6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 Camp Show for youth and adults interested in attending one of our summer camps, at St. John's UCC, Burlington

THE CHOIR leaves Saturday morning for a weekend retreat at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds.

THE HYMNS sung today are among the 6500 written by Charles Wesley. Many of his hymns were sung on either side of the Atlantic at the time of the American Revolution. Wesley was born in 1707 and died in 1788.

OTHER: Thanks to the Outreach Committee for serving lemonade prior to our Service today...Articles for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

May 30, 1976

John 17:11-19

Britain's onetime prime minister, Lord Roseberry, once said of Thomas Chalmers, that his saintliness was not that of a recluse, brooding in solitude, shut away from the world's corrupting influence. "Here was a man," said Roseberry, with "the dust and fire of the world on his clothes," but who carried "his shrine with him everywhere." Christians who fully live in the world, and yet bring to it something from beyond its life, may be those whom God uses to judge and, at last, to save the world from its addiction to sin and death.

SAVING A SCHOOL FOR THE PEOPLE

When a U.C.C. Minnesota Conference Task Force helped Chippewa Indians at Pine Point on the White Earth Indian Reservation to save their local public school several years ago, they were only acting in a way consistent with our denomination's efforts for over two hundred years. From the earliest days, the education of native Americans has been an important ingredient in our church's mission.

In Minnesota, state-encouraged consolidation of many small school districts caught the Pine Point Elementary School of Ponsford in a bureaucratic crunch. Pine Point was to merge with Park Rapids, a non-Indian school, twenty miles away. A last-ditch effort, backed by a number of Minnesota Indian groups, allowed Pine Point to remain open as an experimental community school for a three-year trial period.

At the end of this time, the non-Indian school board sought to close the school without giving, the Indians felt, its creative program a fair evaluation. They pointed to the school's purpose of teaching "pride of the people" and "weapons of survival" in the world of today, and noted a drastic drop in delinquency. They also called attention to the fact that the children liked to attend the Pine Point School. In a final effort to save their school, the Chippewa community at Pine Point appealed to the U.C.C. Task Force on Indian Concerns. Members of this group traveled to Pine Point to see for themselves, then arranged for an unprecedented visit by the State Board of Education.

This Board itself became convinced that Pine Point School should remain. The Task Force then helped to persuade the state legislature to give the Pine Point community school the autonomy it desired and the authority it needed to exist independently, with a program not only for elementary students but for junior and senior-high dropouts as well. Pine Point school was saved!

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The day of Pentecost

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June 6, 1976 Pentecost Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Thou Art My Strength Sowerby

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God's promise was in these words: "The day shall come when I will pour out my spirit on all mankind;
People: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams and your young men see visions; I will pour out my spirit in those days..."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 132
* The Gloria Patri p. 513
NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:14-36

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Respond saying "Amen"
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
THE OFFERING
Offertory I Will For Ever Bless the Lord Schutz
* Respond singing "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMONS IN SCRIPTURE No. 4: An Explanation

*HYMN 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*BENEDICTION

* Respond singing The Doxology

*POSTLUDE O Jesus, Lord of Mercy Sowerby

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Howard R. Richardson on their 45th wedding anniversary today by their children and grandchildren.

TODAY: 4:00 Annual Memorial Service of the Magnolia Memorial Association at the First Baptist Church

7:30 Board of Deacons

OUR ADULT CHOIR is on a retreat this weekend at the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds. We are pleased to welcome as our guest organist Mr. Trellis Case of the Elon College music faculty.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS will hold a planning session Tuesday evening at 7:30. V.C.S. for three year olds through grade 6 will be held July 6-9 in the mornings.

THE HYMNS sung today are among the 600 written by Isaac Watts. He was also the author of 60 books. His influence was great both in England and New England. He was born in 1674 and died November 25, 1748.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Southern Conference will be held Friday evening through Sunday noon at Catawba College.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 6, 1976

Acts 2:1-13

Drunk and disorderly! "They have been drinking!" onlookers at Pentecost accused Jesus' followers. Little wonder! Excited disciples heard noises like rushing wind, saw tongues as of flame. As did people at old Babel, they spoke strange languages — only now they all understood each other. You'd have thought them afflicted with delusions or with *delirium tremens.* Except for the outcome! Inebriated with the Spirit, 3,000 responded that day to Peter's news about God's action in Jesus. They repented and were baptized. They became a New People of God.

PENTECOST: A TIME FOR THE SPIRIT AND FOR POWER

When Jesus, after the Resurrection, appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem, he told them that they should expect to "receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). Then he charged them to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

It was this promise of power which was fulfilled in the Pentecost event: the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and empowered them. It was thus that the church was born and its mission begun.

What then should be our expectation for today? May it be that the Holy Spirit will continue to visit the people of God with the gift of power, power for the enablement of mission? May it be that, as on the first Day of Pentecost, this promise of power comes both to individuals and to the church?

We live in a time when the church seems powerless — powerless in many ways to effect justice for persons and nations, powerless to undertake the many ministries needed in our world. Many Christians feel themselves powerless in the face of overwhelming sin and evil — powerless to live their own best lives, let alone affect the lives of others. The Pentecost message is reassuring in just such times as these: "When the Holy Spirit comes, you will have power!" This is no time for pessimism or discouragement but for assurance as we open ourselves to the presence of God's Spirit in our lives and in our midst. Then, empowered for mission, we can press on to minister to those in need. As the ancient litany says: "Lift up your hearts!"

Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
Stewardship Council
United Church of Christ

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On Pentecost in 1776 Americans were struggling for political independence.

They, or their parents, had come to these shores from various countries and for various reasons. Their social customs, economic conditions, political philosophies, and religious practices were as varied as their ethnic backgrounds.

Two hundred years ago debates about the best ways of dealing with British rule raged on in the Second Continental Congress—and in the streets, shops, meeting houses, and private homes throughout the thirteen colonies. Despite wide differences of opinion, there was a deepening sense of the necessity of liberty and a growing commitment to independence.

In increasing numbers Americans wanted to live free from restrictions imposed

by a king and a parliament an ocean away. They wanted to pursue the opportunities that held the promise of improving their lot. They realized more and more that they needed to work together to right the wrongs inflicted on them by Britain. And many of them found guidance and strength for that struggle in their Christian faith.

The die was cast with the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. That document included an important religious truth which had—and continues to have—powerful political and social implications for the identity of our nation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

For many of our patriotic and religious forebears, life characterized by liberty and opportunity was not merely a human hope; it was God's indestructible intention for his children. And, thus, it became their mission.

On Pentecost in 1976, as members of the United Church of Christ, we have a mission to fulfill that is perhaps best understood in terms of Jesus' words about the purpose of his ministry:

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
(John 10:10)

The local ministries of congregations are aimed at that purpose. Worship, study, fellowship, and various kinds of community service are all intended to liberate and to fulfill, to give meaning and to provide opportunities for more abundant lives.

In similar fashion the various ministries carried on through Our Christian World Mission—the work we do through the conferences and national agencies of the United Church of Christ—are intended to enable life that is more fully human, more fully what God intends. The charter for that mission work was read by Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim relief to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."
(Luke 4:18,19)

It would be a tragedy if this year's celebration of our nation's Bicentennial served to entertain us, but did not help to bring good news to the poor, relief to the captives, sight to the blind, liberty to the oppressed.

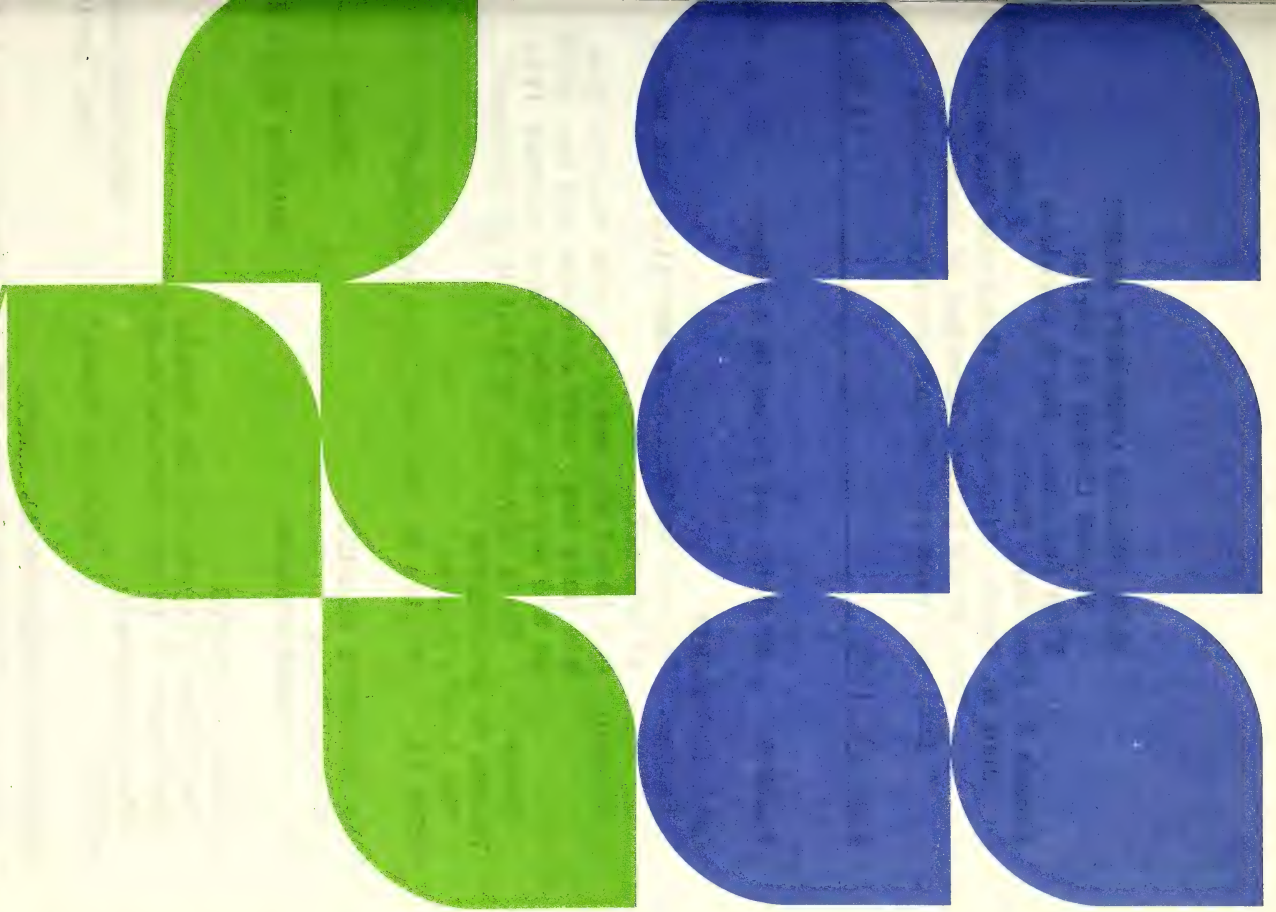
This year is the acceptable year to commit ourselves again to strengthening and fulfilling the principles that pervaded our nation's struggle for freedom. It is the acceptable year to commit ourselves again to strengthening and fulfilling our nation's common life through the practice of responsible citizenship. It is the acceptable year for us as followers of Christ to commit ourselves again to strengthening and fulfilling the lives of people in many places by providing the support of our prayers, our personal participation, and our gifts of money for Our Christian World Mission.

And to our increasing support of Our Christian World Mission we might well add this petition of James Weldon Johnson:

"Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of
world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand may
we forever stand,
True to Our God, true to our native land

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BE BORN ANEW



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Luci Atkinson and Melanie Artley, Acolytes

June 13, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A minor J. S. Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself.
People: God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.
Choir: "Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 28:16-20

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" Threefold Amen arr. Davis

CHILDREN'S BICENTENNIAL MINUTE

* Hymn 267 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (st. 1,3)

THE OFFERING
Offertory Trio for Organ C.P.E. Bach
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Message of the Church

*HYMN 439 "Not Alone for Mighty Empire"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. John Truitt. Greeters of the Day are Leroy Hughes and Bill Blanchard.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of G. C. Crutchfield, Jr., by the Family.

TODAY: 4:45 Christian Education Committee
6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Music Committee

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP quarterly meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

THE CHOIR ANTHEM today, Amazing Grace, is an example of the Folk Hymn that has had a long history in the American oral tradition. The text is by the English evangelist, John Newton, and the tune under various names, is found in numerous fasola songbooks without any composer's name affixed to it.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price, Jr. upon the death of his father, William E. Price, Sr. on June 9.

OTHER: Articles for the Torch are due tomorrow morning... Our ladies deliver MEALS ON WHEELS this week...Circle lists are being made up now. If you would like to join a circle please contact Verona Danieley...Day Camp is held at Moonelon from 9:30 to 2:30 each day this week...Frankie Long is a patient at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond, Va...The Elon Summer Recreation program begins tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle School...The Women's Summer Conference will be held June 21-23 at Elon College.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 1976

John 3:1-8

Nicodemus — renowned Rabbi, respected Pharisee, member of the Jewish supreme court — was drawn by some need to Jesus. Wistful, cautious, he sought Jesus in the shadows of night. Jesus spoke in a baffling way of the need to be born anew by a begetting from above, of a new spirit that God's Spirit gives. The Spirit and the new birth, like the wind, come or linger as they will. You do not predict, command, or manipulate them. But when wistfulness changes to faith and caution gives way to trust in God, one is ready to receive the Spirit, to be born anew.

FROM ONE MAN'S CONCERN

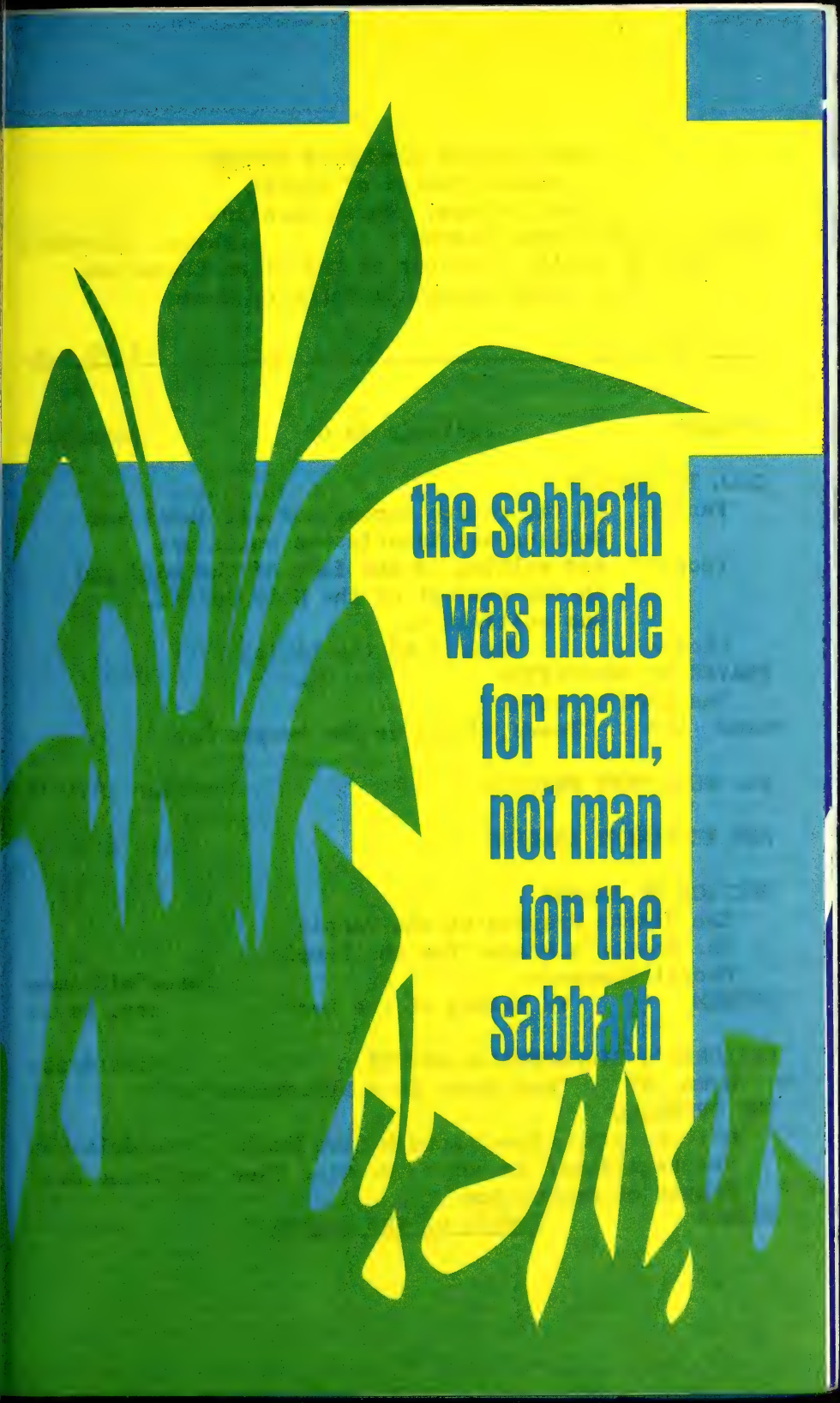
Important and good things often happen as the result of what a single person says or does. This occurred a year ago in Bethesda, Maryland, when Bruce Clark, the soft-spoken moderator of the Bethesda United Church of Christ, shared with his wife his real concern for the wider mission of his congregation.

Two representatives of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ had met earlier with the church council and told its members that, unless local congregations of the conference made an over-and-above gift to Our Christian World Mission, both the conference and national denominational work would suffer. They asked the Bethesda congregation to consider an additional gift of two or three hundred dollars. The matter was discussed at the next meeting of the church council over which Bruce Clark presided and it was agreed that the church should make an additional gift to OCWM. The trustees, however, couldn't come up with the extra money.

Bruce shared with his wife, Bobby, how concerned he was that their congregation could not respond to the challenge. He cared deeply for the important work that was sure to be affected. Then, on the next Saturday as he was cutting his grass, Bruce slumped to the ground with a sudden and fatal heart attack. He was 54 years old. As members of his church shared their grief with Bruce's widow, many of them made contributions to the church's memorial fund. When she was asked what sort of memorial she thought appropriate, Bobby Clark commented, "Bruce was so concerned that the mission get the money that was needed; I think it ought to go for that."

When the trustees of the Bethesda church met, they personally added to the amount contributed by Bruce's other friends and sent a check for $550.00 to the conference for Our Christian World Mission, a living memorial to Bruce Clark who had a concern for the church's mission.

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the sabbath
was made
for man,
not man
for the
sabbath

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June 20, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fantasia in G Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria was built up;

People: And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it was multiplied.

Choir: "Spirit of the Living God"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 18:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 6:28-42

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response

ANTHEM Ye Saints of the Lord Threefold Amen arr. Davis

CHILDREN'S BICENTENNIAL MINUTE Miss Grubb

* Hymn 87 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Unto Thee O Lord We Give Thanks Mendelssohn

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Models of the Church

HYMN 350 "O For a Closer Walk With God"

BENEDICTION
Congregational Response God be with you

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by the Family.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Music Committee

JULY 4 will be celebrated in a special way here. Our worship will be in the spirit and mode of 1776 congregational churches. A picnic dinner, homecoming style, will follow on the church lawn.

THE HYMNS selected for today are all by William Cowper (1731-1800). Living in England at the time of the American Revolution, he is the author of at least 67 hymns. The second one used today has been called the "finest hymn on God's providence ever written".

OTHER: The Elon Recreation Program begins tomorrow at 9 at the Elon Middle School...Frankie Long is a patient at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond, Va...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes Lowe upon the death of her brother, T. M. Jones, of Burlington, on June 15...The Women's Summer Conference is Monday - Wednesday of this week.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 1976

Mark 2:23 — 3:6

God is not an arbitrary deity, indifferent to human feeling and need. God is love and intends for us only what is for our good. God wills that all institutions, religious or secular, further human well-being. The Sabbath was instituted to serve the need for renewal in rest and worship. It and all institutions are tested by the way they advance human well-being. We are to respect those that do. In the name of God's justice and love and for the sake of human good, we are to defy those that do not, as Jesus did in a corn field one Sabbath.

A BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL

In its long history, India has fought many battles for survival. Today, the battle is for the physical survival of its people against the forces of malnutrition and disease. In Oddanchattram, under the sponsorship of the Church of South India, Edward and Frances Riggs, a husband-and-wife, doctor-and-nurse team provided by the United Church Board for World Ministries, are helping. The Christian Fellowship Hospital where they work has two health-care centers which provide medical and nutritional care for a rural population of 15,000 people. These centers have set up nine village schools and three feeding stations which give a midday meal each day to nearly 400 hungry children under five years of age. Besides receiving protein and vitamin-rich meal, the children get immunized against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, and polio.

Such direct service is only a beginning toward solving the long-term health problem of the people in Oddanchattram. The Riggses feel that they must focus on the needs of mothers, especially pregnant and nursing mothers. They hope to start a nutrition-demonstration center where mothers can bring their malnourished babies and stay at the center with them for several weeks. The children will receive first-rate care while the mothers learn to prepare inexpensive and nutritious foods.

Life in this dry and barren land, up against the shadow of India's southern hills, is a desperate battle for survival. Your gifts to Our Christian World Mission can make a real difference.

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IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF,



THAT HOUSE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND

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June 27, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude in G Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilton

Pastor: We celebrate your truth, O Lord, borne by prophets, martyrs, and poets and fully revealed in Jesus of Nazareth.

People: We celebrate your compassion, O Lord, embracing the greatest and the least, seeking us where we are, receiving us as we are.

Choir: "Let All Mortal Keep Silence"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" (see insert)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:5-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 10:9-23

A LITANY OF CELEBRATION (see insert)

ANTHEM Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice
(Mrs. McSherry Lackey, Soprano)

CHILDREN'S BICENTENNIAL MINUTE

* Hymn 272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Adagio for Organ Guilmant

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Church and the World Dr. W. W. Sloan

HYMN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Dewey Holt. Greeters of the Day are W. B. Terrell and T. L. Smith.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Worship Committee

THE HYMNS selected for today are by John Newton (1725-1807) and John Fawcett, (1739-1817), both contemporaries of the American revolution. The anthem is of Moravian orgin with the text by Louise von Hayn in 1776 in Salem, N.C. The tune is of chorale orgin. Of all the American music from the Revolutionary War period, the Moravians' contributions to our musical heritage is unsurpassed.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dale Lee Price and Edna Loraine Miles whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last Sunday and to Charles Wade Wood and Melissa Carol Faucette whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday at Bethel United Methodist Church.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 4, we will celebrate our nation's bicentennial. Both sacraments will be observed. A picnic lunch, homecoming style, will follow on the church lawn.

OTHER: The Elon Recreation Program continues each morning whis week at the Middle School...Frankie Long is a patient at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 27, 1976

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus' specter of a house divided against itself haunts our nation on the eve of its two-hundredth birthday. Are we now sorely divided, as at the time of the Civil War? Will the polarities of the Sixties persist into the Eighties? Or, can we unite to celebrate our gift of liberty by helping others to gain liberation? In joy over our productivity, can we gratefully join in using some of our wealth to help the world's poor to find their way out of poverty? Can common commitment to liberty and opportunity for other people heal our dividedness?

"CUSTER DIED FOR YOUR SINS"

A bumper sticker carrying the message "Custer died for your sins" will be more popular than ever around Indian reservations during this month which marks the centennial of Custer's "last stand." Many of the myths romanticizing Custer's foolhardy attack on nine villages of Sioux and Cheyenne which nestled along the Greasy Grass stream in central Montana have now been laid to rest. But the myth of "manifest destiny," which white Americans have often used to justify the "winning of the West," is hard to put down. So is the sin of treating other persons and cultures which stand in our way, as if they were beyond the protection of God's concern. In a very real way, Custer and his 250 men died because this sin had permeated the nation's policy toward the Indian peoples.

Within fifteen years of Custer's defeat, the wars against the Indians were over. Politicians, adventurers, traders, and missionaries — including those of our own denomination — followed the army. The missionaries shared their faith in the native languages of the Indians, helped them to adjust to their new condition, educated a generation of leaders. The missionaries did what they could to protect their flock from the injustices of the times.

Today, our Council for American Indian Ministry continues the work of the missionaries. This all-Indian agency supports the work of 27 small congregations in the Dakotas and in Wisconsin. CAIM also supports a variety of urban ministries, speaks to national Indian issues, and shares in ecumenical concerns.

This year, CAIM will receive a portion of the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering. Your gift to NIN cannot wipe out a hundred years of injustice, but it can give you a personal stake in the future of the First Americans and it can enable Indian members of the United Church of Christ to determine for themselves what their ministry will be. All that is important and good!

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AMAZING GRACE

Newton

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing
God's praise than when we first begun.

A LITANY OF CELEBRATION

PASTOR: In the days immediately ahead,
when we celebrate the bicentennial
of these United States of America,
keep us honest, God of all nations.

PEOPLE: With so much that is honorable,
inventive, and magnanimous
in our history,
preserve us from white-washing mistakes,
and from unbecoming boasting,
and from making hollow claims.

PASTOR: Keep us grateful, God of our Fathers.

PEOPLE: Remind us always that in all things
for which our country is called great,
we are the thankful recipients
of the fruits of others' superb planning
and noble deciding and energetic doing.
Therefore are we humble and thankful
even in this season of high pride.

PASTOR: Keep us enthusiastic, God of hosts.

PEOPLE: Do not let the length of the celebration,
or the repetitiousness of the media,
or the strenuousness of our own preparatic
or the nit-picking of self-advertisers
spoil the time for us.
Bring us with excitement and joy
to a festival that need not just mark
history, but can, with our fervent
resolve, make history, too.

PASTOR: Keep us large, God of all the worlds there are

PEOPLE: Large in our appreciations,
large in our sympathies,
large in our anticipations,
so that the history we celebrate
and the history we make this week
may be cause for celebration everywhere.

ALL: Take us and our excitement;
use it and us in your service,
as you have before! (choral amen)


THE
HARVEST
HAS
COME

INFORMAL INTRODUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
(Offered by the Pastor. All stand with hands raised as directed in I Timothy 2:8)
*SINGING OF A HYMN
4 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

READING OF THE BIBLE Proverbs 12
(usually a chapter or more)
PREACHING OF THE WORD
The Character and Doom of the Sluggard
(often two to four hours in length, today we hear an edited sermon written by Dr. Caldwell)
THE CENSURES
(spoken by officers of the church, they could be directed to any of the members or the minister)
*THE PASTORAL PRAYER
(all stand with arms raised high. This prayer was often of an hour's length.)
RECEIVING THE COLLECTION
Anthem Cobham Billings
*SINGING OF A HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
(The hymn lyrics were originally sung to the tune of "God Save The King")
THE LORD'S SUPPER
(In First Church, Boston, the supper was served each Sunday)
The Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the elements
* Prayer of the Chalice
*SINGING OF A HYMN 319 "Just As I Am"

*BENEDICTION

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all. Attending the Guest Register is Mrs. Jim Griswold. Greeters of the Day are A. L. Hook and J. M. McAdams. Members and visitors alike are encouraged to stay for the picnic dinner on the church yard.

THE CHANCEL FLORAL ARRANGEMENT is given to the Glory of God in memory of their son, Dr. Al Noah, by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Noah.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is God's gift to Thomas Miguel Clouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Douglas Clouse.

CONGRATULATIONS to William C. Powell and Jacqueline A. Garrison whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

THIS WEEK is Vacation Church School. The school is being held Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. Classes will be offered for nursery (2½ year olds) through sixth grade. Activities, other than class time, will include music, recreation arts and crafts. A special treat will be woodworking for grades 3-6 supervised by Bill Ellis.

CONTACT Mrs. E. S. Lankford or Mrs. George Noah if you would like to be included in the Flower Calendar for the coming year.

THANKS to all for assistance in preparing this Bicentennial Day Service; especially we mention Biff Brafford, Mary Graham Mackintosh, and George Troxler who served as the planning committee.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 1976

Mark 4:26-34

Just after the Revolutionary War, Crèvecoeur, a Frenchman working in America, wrote a book that posed a searching question. "What then," he asked, "is the American, this new man?" The new Americans were "matriots" like Abigail Adams, publishers like Noah Webster, preachers like Timothy Dwight, mothers like Nancy Lincoln. They were Virginia lawmakers, Yankee peddlers, Kentucky homesteaders, Michigan pioneers, Iowa planters. Such people are our seed. We are the harvest of their sowing. For what harvest in the years to come will our generation of Americans be the seed?

THE BICENTENNIAL - TIME FOR MORE "COMMON SENSE"

Two hundred years ago, a million Americans read Tom Paine's little pamphlet *Common Sense* and were moved to revolution by its vision of a new destiny for humanity. Perhaps we need some similar "common sense" today to empower us to preserve and extend the ideals which marked our nation's founding.

Paine pointed to collusion between the government of George III and the East India Company. He called for Americans to resist the resulting corruption and to assert their God-given rights against all attempts to control their destiny. Today, simple "common sense" requires that we do the same: fight corruption wherever it occurs. The right to control our own destiny is still God-given.

Just as two hundred years ago the church undergirded the founders of our country with a spiritual foundation of individual worth and dignity and with such universal values as honesty, integrity, and justice, so today the church can point to these same values, yet not fully attained, as the basis of a renewed American social contract. We can, like the earlier generation of Americans, work for a nation in which each person's views are truly represented and in which each person's labors are justly rewarded. The Christian gospel today, as then, gives deeper meaning to the vision of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" which remains our national goal as we enter the third century of our history. It just makes "common sense"!

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Editor Sunday Bulletin Service
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THE PRAYER OF THE CHALICE

Father, to You we raise our whole being,
vessels emptied of self. Accept, O Lord,
this our emptiness, and so fill us with
Yourself--Your Light--Your Love--Your
Life--that these Your generous Gifts
may radiate through us and over-
flow the Chalice of our Hearts
into the hearts of all with
whom we come into contact
this day - revealing to
them the beauty of
Your Joy
and
Wholeness
and
the
Serenity
of Your Peace
which nothing can destroy.

Come with us now into Congregational Worship in the Spirit of '76. Look around and listen. Our forefathers did things differently.

A pattern in the seating arrangements is noteable. Married men and women sit toward the front and to the center of the main floor; single men sit toward the back on the main floor or in the balcony; and single women sit to the sides on the main floor or in the balcony. (What few blacks that were present would sit together with whites with no segregation in Boston in 1776.) The minister, together with the deacons, song leader, and president of the congregation, sits at the communion table placed beneath the pulpit on a level with the people. Only for the sermon does the minister go up into the pulpit; all other portions of the service are led from a standing or sitting position at the table.

Lay participation in the service is evident. At times of prayer, all stand with arms raised above their heads (a position that transforms the words of prayer for the coming of God's kingdom into an offering of oneself as an agent in the kingdom's realization). The seeming dominance of the minister in worship is conditioned in many ways that allow the people to shape worship. Although the minister offers the long prayers, the people may pass forward to the minister written notes with the names of persons or issues for prayers. (Any time during this service and especially during the time of censures, simply write down such a concern on a paper and raise it in your hand until an usher comes to carry the paper to the Pastor). And during the long sermon, people were not passive. Any person could say "Amen" to the portions of the sermon that he or she wished to emphasize.

(You are invited to punctuate with "Amens" those portions of the sermon in today's service with which you heartily agree.) And at the end of the sermon, the minister is required to sit down and the people have the right to call into question what he has said and to add their own words of instruction. Sorry, time will not permit us to enter into this phase of Congregational worship today.

This spontaneous participation of the people in preaching and questioning during worship was still common in many Boston churches at the time of the Revolution; in the newer churches the rule required that persons consult the deacons so that participation could be more orderly. We may trace this questioning period back through most Congregational Churches in the 18th century to the 17th century as noted by John Cotton in Boston and finally to its source in the separatist order of worship established by John Robinson who instituted such a question period after the sermon and before continuing on with the Lord's Supper in worship. Robinson, as a good Calvinist, recognized the limitations of any one man's insight into truth and the need for all to join in the quest if more truth were to be known (and if the minister's mistaken understandings were to be corrected.) Robinson's innovation, carried to the new world by his disciples on the Mayflower, was adopted in the 17th century not only by the New England Puritans but also by many Baptist churches who had received this order of worship from Roger Williams who had himself learned the order of worship at the Congregational Churches he served briefly before settling in Rhode Island. In separatist churches, even women were allowed to stand and speak in worship; but the Puritans modified the practice to limit the questioning and witnessing to men.

Trained to stand and queation their minister's sermons, 18th century Bostonians did not sit silently before Royal Governors. Trained to change the course of worship, they believed also they could change the hisiory of the world.

The sermon you will hear this morning was delivered by Dr. David Caldwell in May or June of 1776. Typically it is both biblical and political. While sermons were commonly two hours or more in length, as the full text of this one would be, it has been edited down to about twenty minutes.

Today we will not enter fully into the Congregational singing practices. But a word of explanation is of interest. The Congregational churches used either the newer edition of the Bay Psalm Book revised by the late Pastor of the Old South Meeting House or the original Bay Psalm Book issued in 1640.

Few churches had hymn books or psalm books in the worship, for the foresinger would sing out (line out) each phrase of the hymn and the people would sing back the phrase. No organ was yet accepted by Congregational churches in Boston. Biblical precedent supported in Congregational minds the occasional use of the bass viol (the Lord's fiddle). Unaccompanied singing by lining out remained the norm in Congregational churches until after the Revolution. All simply stand for singing. (They did not raise their arms in the singing; for even psalms were not considered to be prayers by these Christians for whom set prayers were discouraged.)

There is a time during worship for censuring. The president of the congregation chastises those who have gone astray; but those chastized have an opportunity of response to defend or humble themselves. This is a time when some good humor may quicken the repentence, laughter being not unknown in Congregational worship of the period.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was more and more common as encouraged by Charlie Chauncey of First Church and senior Pastor in Boston. He decried the 3 or 4 times yearly usage and urged weekly observance of the Supper, not as necessary but as helpful. The Pastor simply recalls in free form the Biblical institution of the Supper, offers thanks in prayer, and breaks the bread and pours out the wine. (He reamins seated throughout this institution, one of the few instances of praying while sitting.) The Supper was then served by the deacons with all seated in silence.

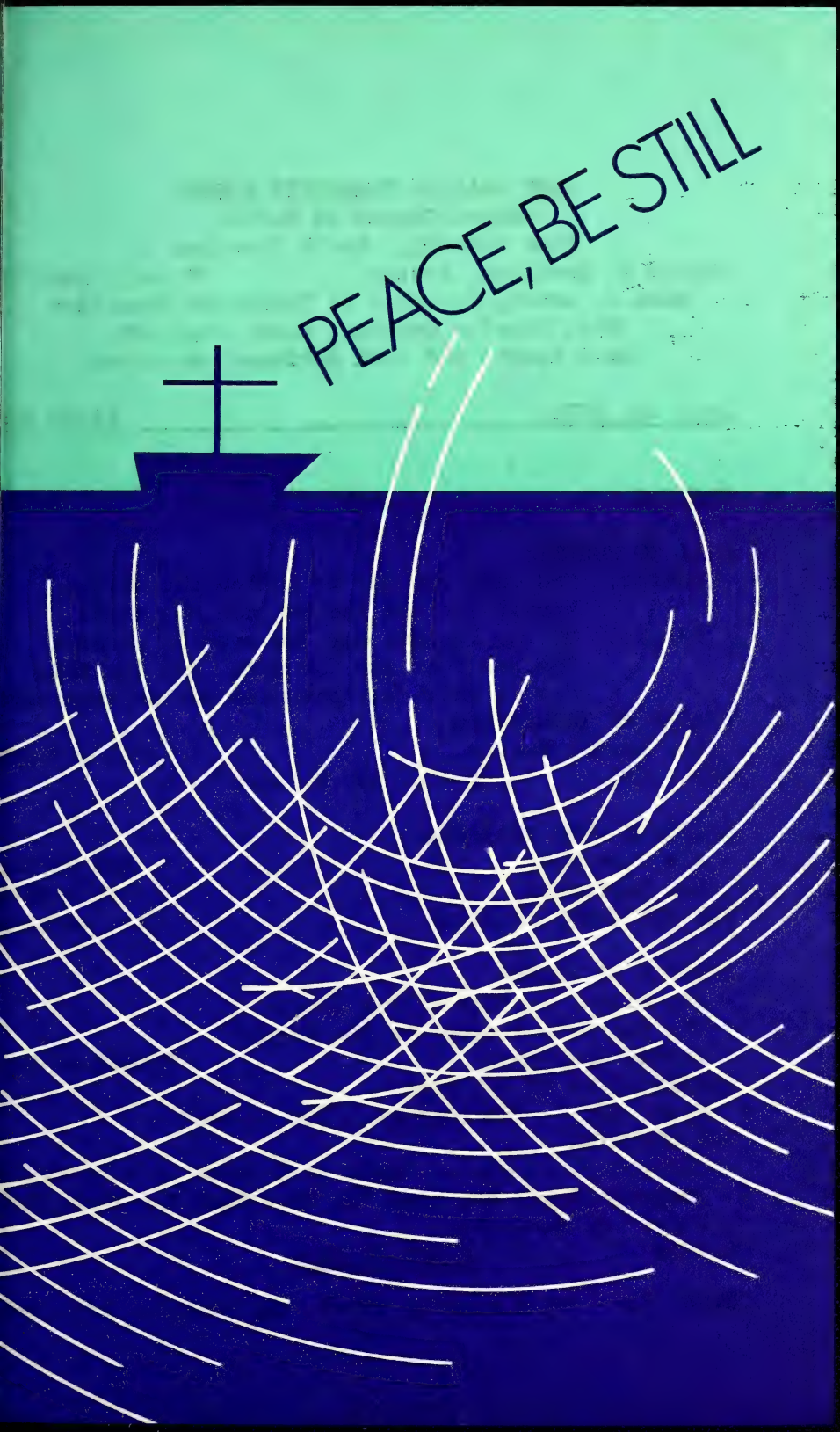
In an age before the major temperance movements and before modern milling made possible white bread, Madeira wine and brown bread were most commonly used in common cups and on common trays. Both the bread and the wine are consumed individually as the elements reach each person.

After the benediction, the people file out of the church by way of the communion table where there would be an offering basket on the deacon's chair for those who wish to leave a contribution toward the work of the church. It was called "Receiving the Collection".

Cobham

Teach me the measure of my days,
  Thou Maker of my frame;
I would survey life's narrow space,
  And know how frail I am.
A span is all that we can boast
  An inch or two of time;
Man is but vanity and dust in all
  his flow'r and prime.
See the vain race of mortals move like
  shadows o'er the plain;
They rage and strive, desire, and love,
  But all their noise is vain.
Some walk in honor's gaudy show;
  Some dig for golden ore;
They toil for heirs, they know not who,
  And straight are seen no more.
What should I wish, or wait for, then,
  from creatures, earth, and dust?
They make our expectations vain,
  And disappoint our trust.
Now I forbid my carnal hope,
  My fond desires recall;
I give my mortal int'rest up,
  and make my God my all.
Teach me the measure of my days,
  Thou Maker of my frame;
I would survey live's narrow space,
  and learn how frail I am.

Isaac Watts


PEACE, BE STILL

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July 11, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Air Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God made the day to follow the night.
Praise God for the day and the night.
People: On the seventh day God rested. Praise God for rest and for work, and for this day on which we thank him for all our days.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 433 "God of our Fathers"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Job 38:1-11
New Testament Mark 4:35-41
*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

PRESENTATION BY CHILDREN
* Hymn 437 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

THE OFFERING
Offertory In Christ There is No East or West Willan
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Faith or Fear

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (st. 1-4)

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response The Doxology
*POSTLUDE This is the Day the Lord Hath Made Peeters

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. William Tate Scott by the Family.

TODAY: 4:45 Christian Education Committee

ATTENDING CHURCH CAMP this week are Barbie Elzey, Dan Hamilton, and Thomas White at Johns River and Vincent White at Moonelon.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond; Bessie Sloan at Duke Hospital, Hilton Annex Room 320; Jim MacDonald at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joseph W. Bland and Doris Y. Barnes whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

THANKS to the teachers and assistant teachers who helped with the Vacation Church School during this past week. The presentation this morning is a blending of some of their studies and activities.

THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM continues this week and next at the Middle School.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 197

Mark 4:35-4

Storm! Turbulence! The tempests that rage in our day imperil many o our cherished institutions. Education tosses on a sea of conflict ove racial balance, teaching method, and values advocacy. Furied debate i an election year rocks the Ship of State like a rowboat in a gale Crosswinds of belief, turbulence in polity, and waves of mistrust heav the church to and fro. O Christ, Lord of Creation: trample the waves Quiet the wind. Still the storm. Give us clear weather, calm passage, and a worthy goal for our voyage through this time!

WORKING THROUGH CHURCH WORLD SERVICE IN INDONESIA

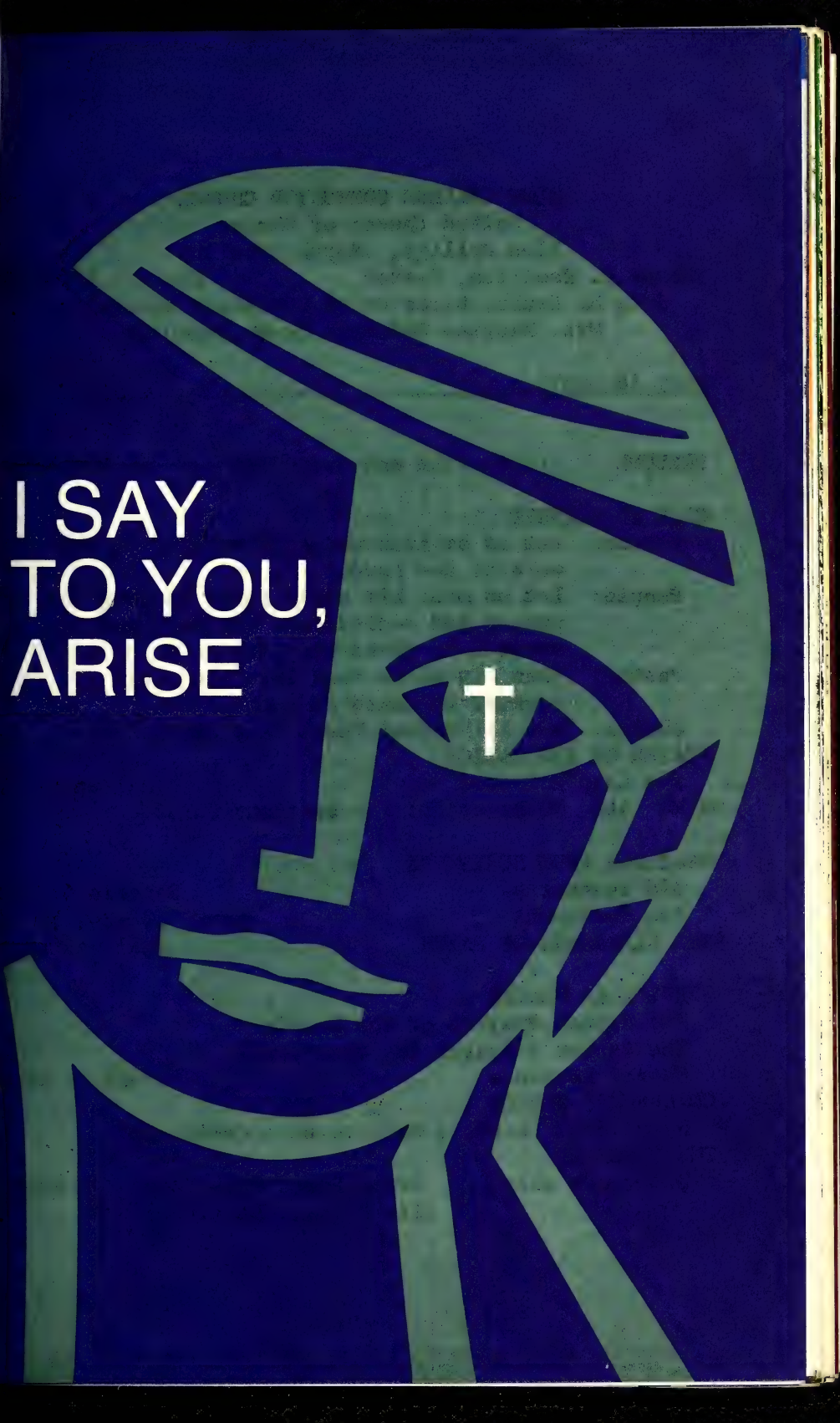
Last autumn, the Rev. Jerry Van Sant and his wife and children arrived in Jakarta, Indonesia. Jerry, an associate missionary of the United Church Board for World Ministries, is the new representative of Church World Service, the service arm of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. Traditionally a relief and emergency-service agency of the American churches, CWS now is also heavily engaged in agricultural development, social welfare, health, and family planning. CWS activities in Indonesia are carried out through the Commission on Service and Development of the Indonesian Council of Churches. CWS actively cooperates with the Indonesian government in its programs for health, social welfare, and development and with the United States Agency for International Development (AID).

The Van Sants report that Church World Service in Indonesia is clearly identified with the Christian church and provides assistance to persons without regard to their religious affiliation. The majority of Indonesians are, in fact, Muslim.

Typical projects receiving CWS help include: building a bridge for a Javanese village to provide accessibility to a market for their agricultural products; providing emergency food, clothing, and shelter for refugees from the conflict in nearby East Timor; making development loans for villages to secure water buffalos to increase the areas under cultivation and to increase total food production; helping another community to organize a cooperative health insurance plan.

All such projects are complicated by the fact that, in Indonesia today, material things are expensive while human labor is cheap. It costs as much to buy a can of paint as it does to pay for six days of a painter's labor! You help bear the cost for such projects as these whenever you give to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering.

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I SAY
TO YOU,
ARISE

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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Guest Organist

July 18, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale and Variation Sweelinck

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Let us be awakened this morning to the word of the Lord.
People: Let us meet him again today in song and prayer and meditation. In love and service he gives his life to us.
Pastor: Then may we be sent into his world renewed in faith and hope.
Choir: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 440 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Genesis 4:2-10
New Testament Mark 5:22-24, 35-43

*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Solo Great Peace Have They Lully
(Tim Price, Baritone)

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON A Sign of the Kingdom

*HYMN 97 "God of our Life"

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response The Doxology
*POSTLUDE Sanctus Scheidt

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Worden J. Updyke, Jr. by Penny, Jane, Jay and Edrianna.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ronald D. Walker and Sherri G. Andrews whose Service of Marriage is to be celebrated here at three o'clock this afternoon.

ATTENDING CAMP at Johns River this week are Edrie Updyke and Andy Baker.

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HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond; Bessie Sloan at Duke Hospital, Hilton Annex, Room 320; Jim MacDonald at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

Mark 5: 21-43

"Talitha cumi." Jesus' words may have echoed the morning call of Mary to her daughter, "Little girl, I say to you arise." In Mark's story, they tell how Jesus restored life to a young girl. They also suggest what Jesus means to little girls. In his day, many were unwanted. Some were murdered by their parents. Girls under ten once were sent to work in English mines. In Josephine Butler's time, they were forced into prostitution. Jesus changed that. He moved his followers to cherish little girls in echo of his saving word, "I say to you, arise."

ACTION EVANGELISM: THE SHARING OF LIVING WATER

Question: What do the people of Cottonwood Station near Edwardsville, Illinois, have in common with rural villages of ancient times?

Answer: A community well.

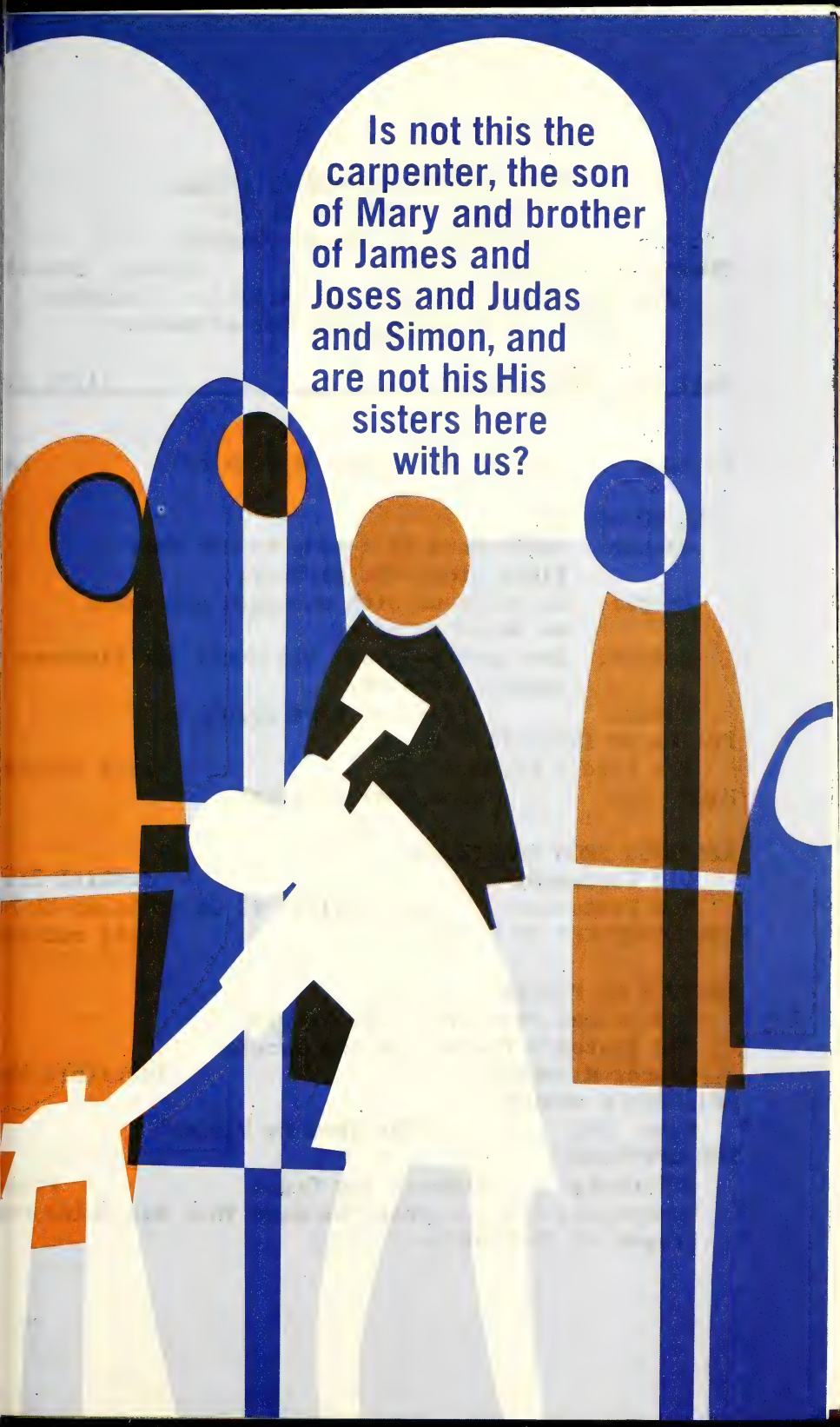
Yes, there's running water in these Southern Illinois homes, all right, but there is also now a community gathering-place called *"The Well."*

The Well is a "do and tell" evangelism witness of the Eden United Church of Christ, Edwardsville, Illinois. Eden Church not only "tells" the story of God's love in Christ Jesus, its people are "doing" that story by reaching out in Christ's name through a Community Program Center. The work of the Center is focused in a recently dedicated building located in the midst of a fast-growing residential and commercial area not far from St. Louis, Missouri.

Eden Church chose the name for its evangelism outreach deliberately. *The Well* is intended to be a place of gathering and refreshment, as was the village well in biblical times. Programs are developing there in response to the interest, needs, and hurts of people. This is a sharing of "living water."

Eden Church received help in this evangelism effort from the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ and from the Division of Evangelism, Church Extension, and Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. The Board's interpretation of evangelism as "doing and telling the story" sparked the imagination of that local church. The Illinois South Conference was immediately supportive. Both conference and national bodies have helped to fund the initial development. But every U.C.C. congregation has helped, too, for Our Christian World Mission dollars were part of what made it possible.

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Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his His sisters here with us?

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July 25, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, a light along the pathway.
People: He girds us with strength and shows us where to walk.
Unison: The Lord is good; his mercy and kindness endures forever.
Choir: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting

*HYMN 346 "Come, Let Us Join"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Ezekiel 2:1-
New Testament Mark 6:1-6; II Corinthians 12:7-1

*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Ame

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Andante for Organ Franc

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON A Prophet is not without Honor, except...

*HYMN 434 "God Send Us Men Whose Aim 'Twill Be"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Numa R. Franks.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James Griswold upon the death of her father, Mr. N. P. Bryant of Yadkinville, on July 20;and to Mrs. Lillian Kimrey upon the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Aldridge of Burlington, on July 23.

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HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

JUNE GRUBB is directing the middle high camp at Johns River this week. She will return on Saturday.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 1976

Mark 6:1-6

We affirm God's divinity and say, "God is Other, above and over against us. Between God and us is a great gulf fixed." The New Testament affirms God's humanity. It shows God entering the world through an ordinary family: a village builder, peasant mother, some sisters, some brothers. God comes in One who has no authority as a governor, no schooling as a Rabbi, no piety as a priest. He is a common artisan. But with faith that God acts in and through him, this One exercises power that makes the most ordinary life splendid and whole.

WORLD COMMUNITY THROUGH MISSION

In times of deep change and profound turmoil, we wonder if the world is coming apart at the seams. As Robert Heilbroner puts it, "We suspicion that nobody is in charge and that nobody is equipped to deal with the problems rushing in on us." Yet, in the face of all this, we cling to what we believe is best, refusing to yield to panic or to become cynical.

Our hope is in: The United Nations as it continues to support human rights, as it works for the independence of colonial peoples, and as it strengthens peace through international law.

Our hope is in: The cooperative efforts of denominational bodies, such as the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the United Church of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), for sharing mission concerns in an efficient working relationship.

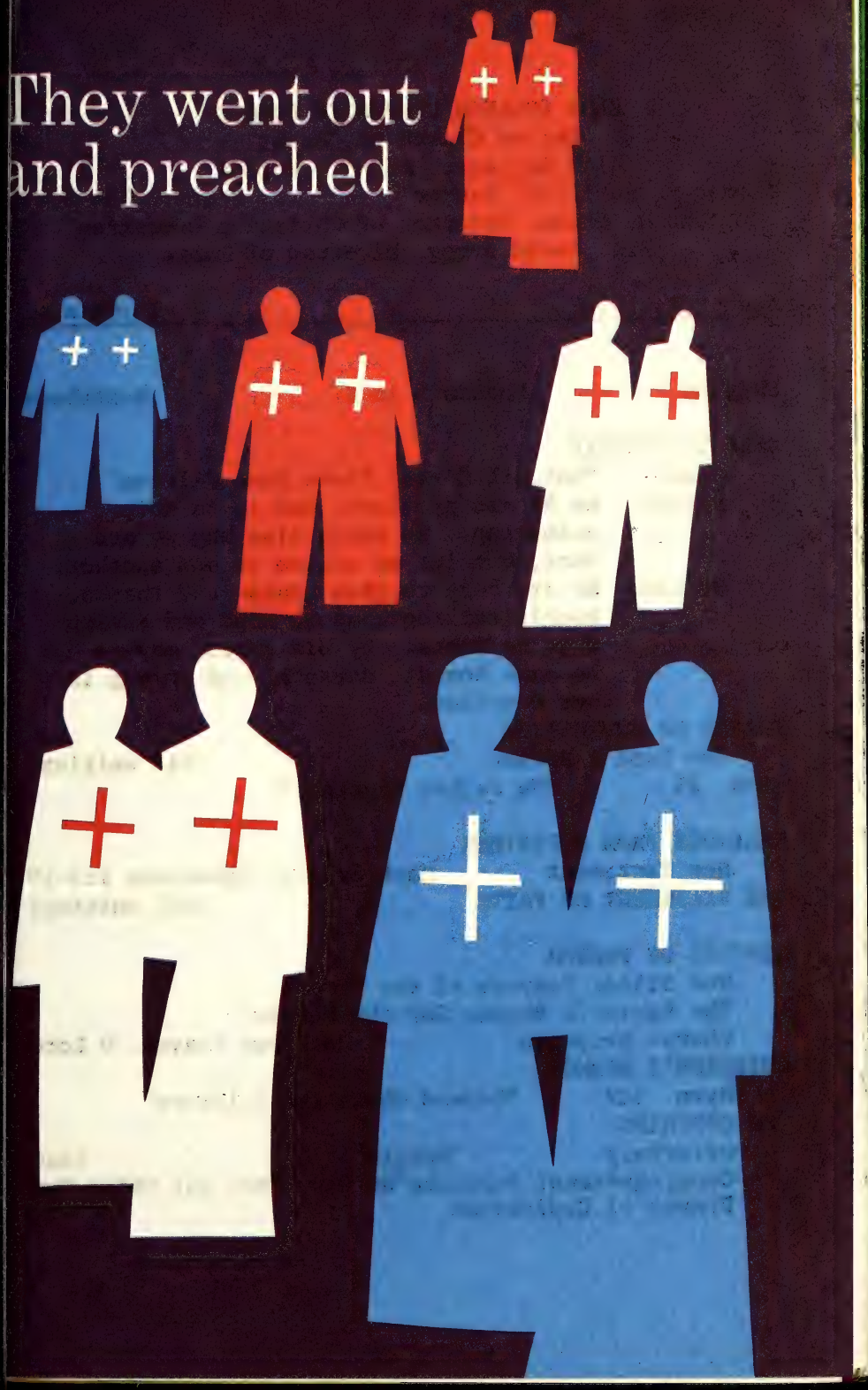
Our hope is in: A world solution to world problems. Hunger is a chronic problem which may move us to tears, frustrate us with statistics, and bring us to despair. We must face the truth of our own responsibility for participating in efforts to find a solution. While there is a single hungry child, God cares. His help is available to assist us as a world community reaching toward a world solution.

—*Ms. Enid Jones*
Disciples Peace Fellowship
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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They went out and preached



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August 1, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fantasia in G Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Pastor: As he has promised, God is in this gathering. He knows also why we are here, but let us affirm to one another.

People: We are here to give praise and thanks, humbly telling what we hope and asking what he wants. By his grace, may we be made honest, earnest, and strong in our devotion.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 21 "We Gather Together"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

New Testament Mark 6:7-13; Ephesians 1:3-10

*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 382 "Onward Christian Soldiers"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Adagio" Bach

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON A Whole New Outlook

HYMN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" (st. 1,2)

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt, Sr. in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Truitt and Mr. and Mrs. Brock D. Jones.

TODAY: 7:30 Board of Deacons

FOLLOWING our worship today you are invited to linger for conversation and lemonade on the front lawn, courtesy of the Outreach Committee.

ENVELOPES containing the second quarter financial statements are available in the narthex. Please secure yours before you leave today.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond; Barbara Barnes and Walter Smith at Memorial, Burlington; Don Dill at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

OTHER: Lynne Fogleman is attending Johns River Camp this week...Pastor Hamilton will be out of town until Saturday but may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the office secretary...Rev. J. C. Dollar is our guest minister next Sunday...Music Committee meets next Sunday at 7:00.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 1976

Mark 6: 7-13

Good news has a way of getting into our feet. A school child receives good marks and runs all the way home. A baby's birth sends the father scurrying to the telephone. News of a wedding planned, promotion gained, or prize won, speeds a bearer's pace. The news about Jesus—who he was and what he did—got into the feet of the Twelve. It sent them hurrying to tell people about Jesus and, in Jesus' name, to heal them. It is like that now. Have the gospel in you and you want to preach, teach, and enact the gospel to the very ends of the earth.

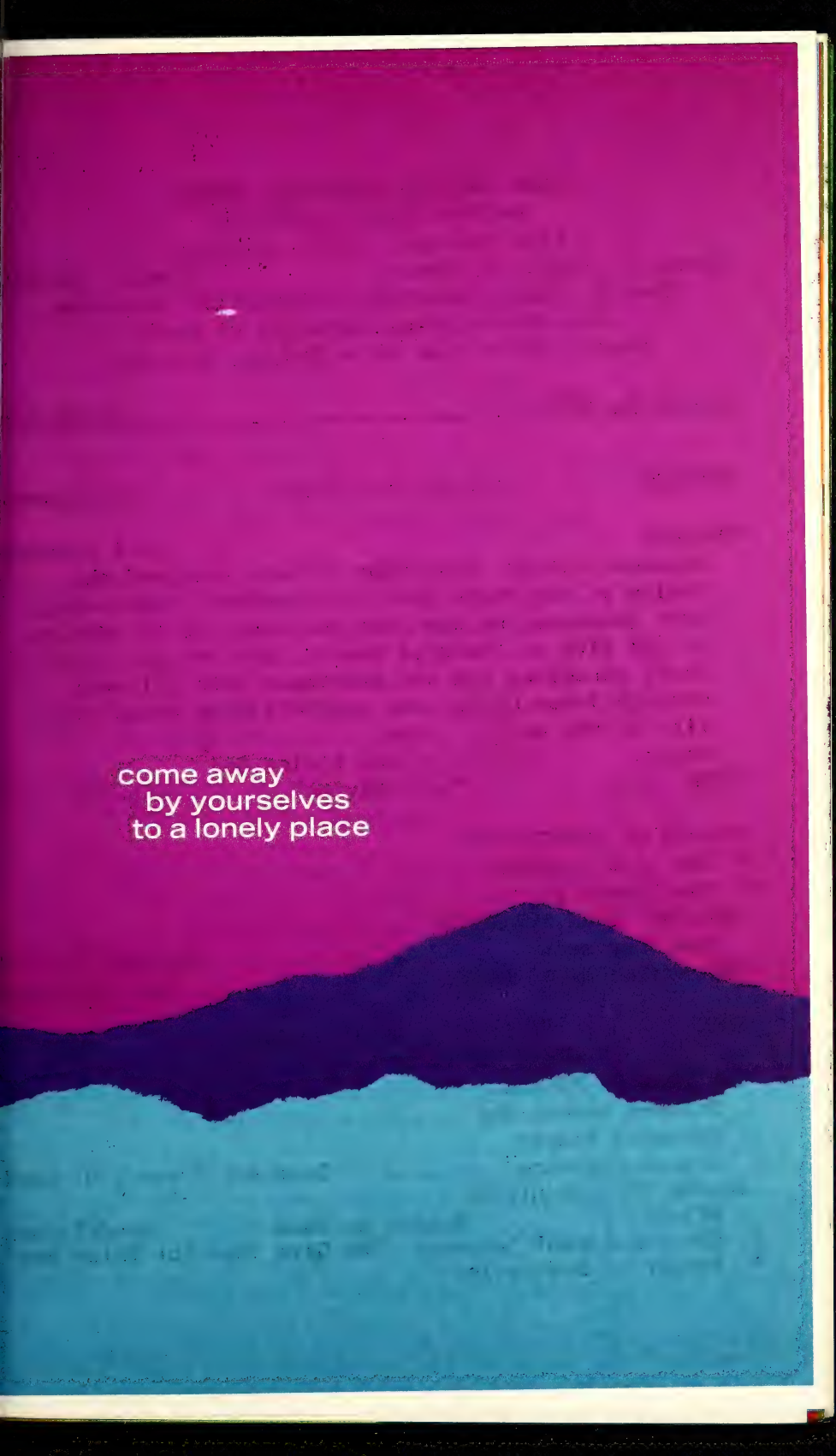
TO SAFEGUARD "THE ESSENTIAL LIBERTY OF THE INDIVIDUAL"

When the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention of 1779-1780 convened, thirteen clergymen served as members. That convention and a similar one in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1776 were the basic source for our Bill of Rights. The goal: to safeguard the "essential liberty of the individual."

The protection of personal dignity and freedom is today a matter of concern to us in the United Church of Christ. Through our thirty-nine conferences across the country and through such national agencies as the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Office for Church in Society, the Commission for Racial Justice, and the Council for American Indian Ministry, our denomination consistently affirms the rights of all people, especially members of ethnic and racial minorities and others who have been largely powerless in their struggle for justice and human rights. Wide-ranging programs have advocated human rights for American blacks, Indians, women, workers, youth, migrants, homosexuals, rural and urban poor, Spanish-speaking persons, new immigrants, and refugees.

The stance of the United Church of Christ has varied over the years as the needs of first one group and then another have caught the attention of church members. These needs are often met by direct services, as in the case of refugees at various times and places whom we have helped to resettle in the United States. The protection of individual dignity and freedom is still worth the investment of our money and work through Our Christian World Mission.

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come away
by yourselves
to a lonely place

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August 8, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Adagio in C minor Mendelssoh

*COLLECT (all uniting)

Gracious Father, from whom we have received the fruits of the earth and life together, remembering your goodness, we ask that you continue to nourish us and give us thankful hearts, that we may rightly share ourselves and our substance with all men; through Jesus Christ who as the living bread gives life to the world. Amen

Choir: Spirit of the Living God

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
* The Lord's Prayer
* The Gloria Patri

READING FROM SCRIPTURE
New Testament Matthew 25:1-13

*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting)

SOLO "I Love to Dwell in Spirit" Michael
(Mrs. McSherry Lackey, Soprano)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silence before God
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response Hear our Prayer, O Lord

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Praise to Thee Mendelssohn
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

WELCOME and OUR CHURCH CONCERNS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 103 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

SERMON The Broken Jar

*HYMN 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pendergrass.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Rev. J. C. Dollar, a member of this congregation and Director of Campus Life at the Elon Home for Children.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior High Youth
7:00 Music Committee

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond; Lillie Waugh at Memorial, Burlington.

CHOIR rehearsal resumes this Wednesday at 7:30. This is a good time for new voices to join us as we prepare for the fall and Christmas seasons.

ARTICLES for The Torch are due tomorrow morning.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8, 1976

Mark 6: 30-34

Our pace of living kills: health, joy, perspective—even the "fun" of fun. We lead "the breathless life." Go from a city's bustle to live in what you expect to be the calm of an open countryside. You may find there the same itch always to be on the go. St. Vitus is our nation's patron! Well, here is Jesus, sensing fatigue in his hard-working disciples and inviting them to "come away...and rest awhile." Yet, even he does not escape. The crowds see him head for the hills, get there ahead of him, and, tired as he is, he puts their needs ahead of his.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SHARED APPROACHES

Shared Approaches is a bold, new ecumenical venture to help congregations know, interpret, live, and do the Word of Jesus Christ in today's world. Developed by a consortium of fifteen denominations called Joint Educational Development (JED), the program consists of four major approaches designed to meet the diverse needs of congregations within the participating denominations:

- KNOWING THE WORD...helps Christians come to know and to understand the contents of the Bible.
- INTERPRETING THE WORD...enables Christians to interpret the scriptures in relationship to the modern world.
- LIVING THE WORD...enables Christians to participate in the life of the Christian community.
- DOING THE WORD...helps Christians to increase their commitment to, to be equipped for, and to participate in God's mission for the world.

Some of the materials within each approach are already available. Resources for the whole program will be ready in 1978. This shared approach to Christian education expresses one way in which diversity is enriched through the joint action of several denominations.

—Ms. Jill Schaeffer
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A PRISONER FOR THE LORD



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August 15, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fantasia and Soliloquy Young

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: "Tallis' Canon"
Pastor: Truly, God shows no partiality. In every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
People: This is the Lord's Day. How good it is to be with one another, with him, in this place of holy celebration.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

HYMN 503 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
Old Testament II Kings 4:42-44
New Testament Ephesians 4:1-6

*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 489 "I Would Be True"

THE OFFERING
Offertory To Thee All Praise be Given Pachebel
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON — To Say Yes or No

*HYMN 376 — "Lead Us, O Father"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response — God be with you

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Miss Edith Brannock. Greeters of the Day are Bill Blanchard and W. B. Terrell.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Andrew N. McLelland by the Family.

TODAY:
10:30 Baccalaureate-Commencement at Elon College
2:00 Youth Council
6:00 Church Family softball at College Field
7:30 Planning Committee for Consecration Service

MEALS ON WHEELS are delivered this week by our ladies.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond.

THE ADULT CHOIR is preparing the fall music program. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening at 7:30. Newcomers are welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 29 - Promotion Sunday in Church School. New classes will begin.

August 29 - The Elon College football coaches and players will worship here.

September 12 - Service of Consecration for new building.

Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16

Jesus once hid out in the hills from people who wanted to make him a king. He was not on his way to a coronation but to a cross. Our world needs governing, and to rule justly and with wisdom can be harder than to be a loyal subject. Albeit, Jesus comes to us as One who serves in "meekness and lowliness," and calls us to a similar modest role. To follow him can bring hatred, prison, even death. A disciple is not above the Teacher. Neither status nor good repute but wounds and chains may prove to be our credentials of authentic Christian discipleship.

HUNGER: CHALLENGE OF THE DECADE

In one sense, the challenge of world hunger has always been with us. In a special sense, however, hunger is a challenge which will reach cataclysmic proportions in the 1980's and which already presses in upon us in the '70's. What are we Christians doing about it?

Well, each of our individual denominations continues to do what we have always done. The varied ministries of our churches at home and overseas have always included efforts to help people to develop efficient food production and ways of food distribution. Not only emergency disaster aid but also ongoing agricultural education is included in mission budgets of our church agencies. In the annual One Great Hour of Sharing or Week of Compassion offerings we lift up the needs of hungry, starving people.

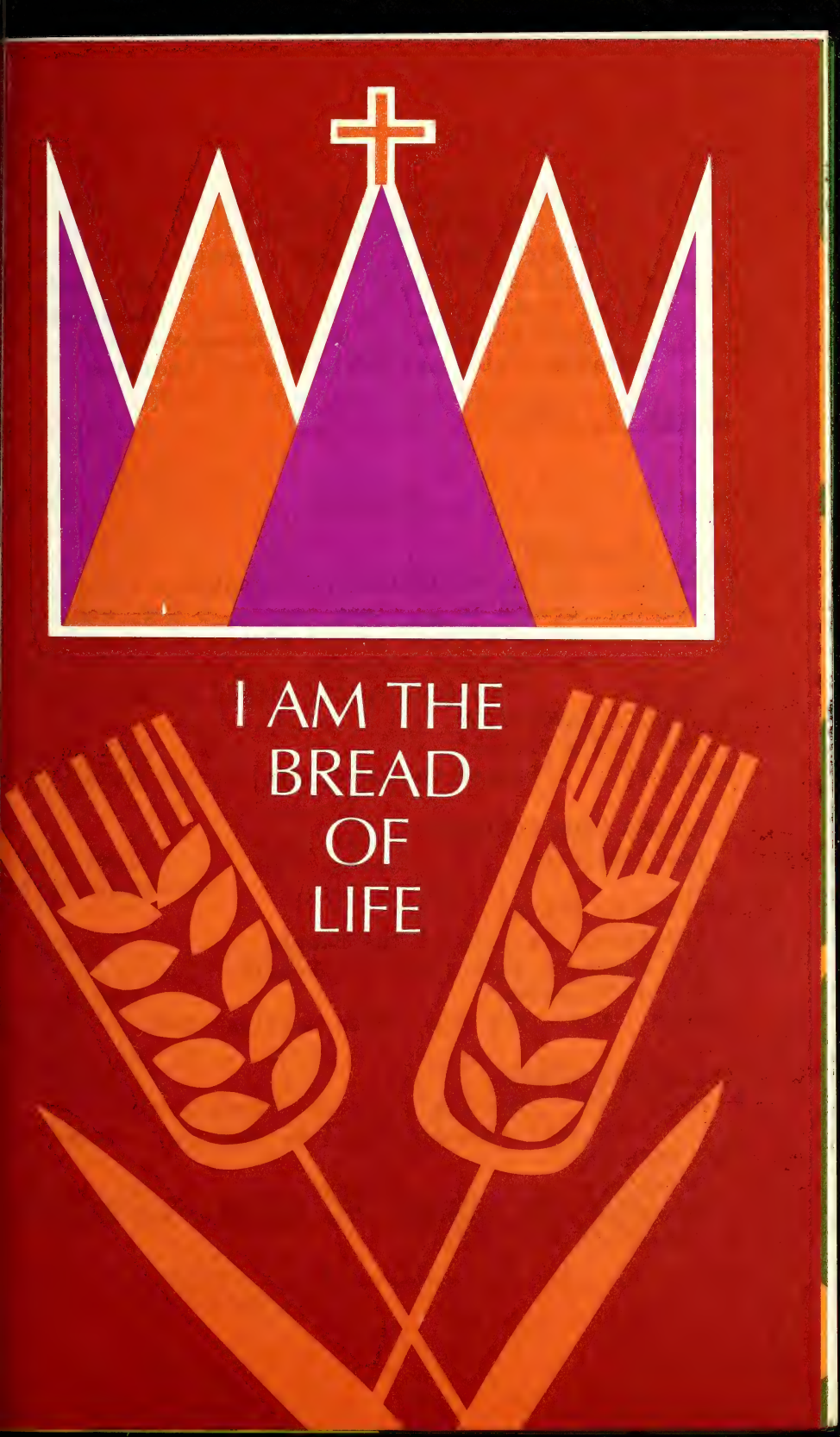
But now more than this is needed. And more is being done. Hunger has become a high priority item in our church planning and budgeting. We are looking at the need for long-term systemic solutions which can affect millions of people in all parts of the world. But we realize that the church alone can do little. We are pushed to work more closely with one another and with governmental and private agencies.

What are you doing in response to the challenge of world hunger? Are you aware of the problem? Are you dealing with hunger in your own community? Are you engaged in efforts to influence public policies and to approve public expenditures to alleviate hunger at home and around the world? Are you providing financial support for hunger programs of your local church and of denominational and ecumenical agencies? Are you changing your own life-style toward reduced and less wasteful food and energy consumption? Those who are so engaged are banding together in WHEAT, an ecumenical fellowship of Christians who are concerned with the needs of the hungry. Information about how you may become a part of this fellowship may be secured from your own denominational offices.

You are needed in the fight against hunger. What you can do can make a real difference!

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August 22, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sonatina Tartani

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: In the beginning, God created...
People: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may live in peace.
Choir: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 19 "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
New Testament John 6:24-35
Ephesians 4:17-21
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen
ANTHEM Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake Farrant

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 259 "We Limit Not the Truth of God"
(We will read stanzas 1-4, then sing stanza 1)
THE OFFERING
Offertory Priere Boellman
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Some Truths That Are Not True and The Truth That Is

*HYMN 441 "Once to Every Man and Nation"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response God be with you

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. on their 29th wedding anniversary by their children and grandsons.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
4:00 Acolytes
6:30 We need about 15 men and women to help assemble chairs and relocate furniture in the classrooms. Come to the Parish House.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 to set final plans for Promotion Sunday and the fall semester.

PROMOTION DAY in the Church School is next Sunday. All classes will assemble in the Parish House at 9:45. Teachers will be installed, new classes assigned, and Bibles presented to third graders.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond; Josie Huey at Memorial, Burlington.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evening at 7:30. Newcomers are welcome.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 1976

John 6:24-35

The Christian faith is not a religion of "pie in the sky, by and by." It addresses the human need for bread—now! Christians pray for daily bread, share it with others who lack it, and work for a just system to distribute it to *all* people. But Jesus satisfies other hungers. He is life-giving Bread to feed love, faith, and hope. He is liberating Truth, setting spirits free. He is Light to illumine what life means here among the stars. The time-transcending Word, he pierces the mystery of our days. Who walks his Way, comes to God.

WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS CELEBRATED

In a great variety of ways, at home and abroad, women are coming into their own as individual persons. International Women's Year in 1975 did not bring about the new recognition of women; it celebrated it!

In Rupert, Vermont, the Reverend Catherine Chiffelle, a former teacher and journalist and now pastor of the Rupert Congregational Church, is described by one parishoner, "She's a very good friend and also happens to be our minister." Her influence goes far beyond the 109 members of her church. A neighbor says, "It doesn't matter whether you are in her congregation or not. Anyone in the area she goes to see, at home or in the hospital. You can count on her. She shows no partiality." Catherine Chiffelle is one woman who, by her example and by her words, is helping to demonstrate that the small, rural church can survive if it has a ministry which reaches both its own members and the larger community.

Halfway around the world, a small group of women in a little Japanese fishing village got across the message, "We would rather eat a simple bowl of rice with a pickle, under a blue sky, than an expensive steak dinner in a polluted world." When the women saw what pollution was doing to the fishing grounds, the source of their families' livelihood, they organized a protest against the proposed construction of a large cement plant which would add to the pollution. Despite overwhelming odds, they won a victory in the courts to protect the livelihood and way of life of their people.

All around the world, women—individually in many occupations and together in many causes—are chalking up victory after victory. We celebrate their achievements!

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the bread which I shall give
for the life of the world
is my flesh

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August 29, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Free Tune for Organ Young

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, let us worship God.
People: Always he invites us to accept his love, to live his life, to be both comforted and excited by his hope. He invites us now to this worship.
Choir: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Malachi 3:1-5,16-18
New Testament Ephesians 4:30-5:2

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

ANTHEM Amazing Grace Arr. Davis

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 385 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (st. 1-2)

THE OFFERING
Offertory Jesu, Meine Freude Bach
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Lessons Learned From Football
I. Where Victories Are Won

*HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* indicated when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome the players and coaches of the 1976 Fighting Christians of Elon College. Greeters of the Day are J.E. Danieley and Ken Harper.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood and children in honor of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Danieley and Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Wood.

TODAY: 2:00 Youth Council

PROMOTION SUNDAY was held in our church school this morning. Beginning next Sunday classes will meet in the assigned rooms of our main building.

THE SERVICE OF CONSECRATION for our new educational facilities and furnishings will be held on September 12. We hope all our members and friends can be here.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital Richmond; Jim MacDonald at Good Samaritan Portland; Warren Jeffreys at County; Bertha Cotten, Walter Smith, and Lewis Wells at Memorial.

THE CONGREGATION unites in expressions of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mrs. C.S. Crouch, to Dr. and Mrs. Paul Cheek upon the death of his father, and to Reverend and Mrs. Steve Caddell upon the death of his mother.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Devotional Guides for September-October are available in the narthex...Thanks to all who have helped this week in the moving process.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 1976

John 6: 41-51

At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus. But Holy Communion is more than a commemorative meal. We use symbols and ritual. But to explain those symbols and rituals will not get to the core of the Eucharist. We are up against a mystery. The Fourth Gospel points to the heart of that mystery. In the Eucharistic Feast, Jesus meets us and gives himself with the same self-abandonment we see at Calvary, then commissions us to nourish each other with love shown in service, forgiveness, and purpose. "Ever more give us this bread, Lord."

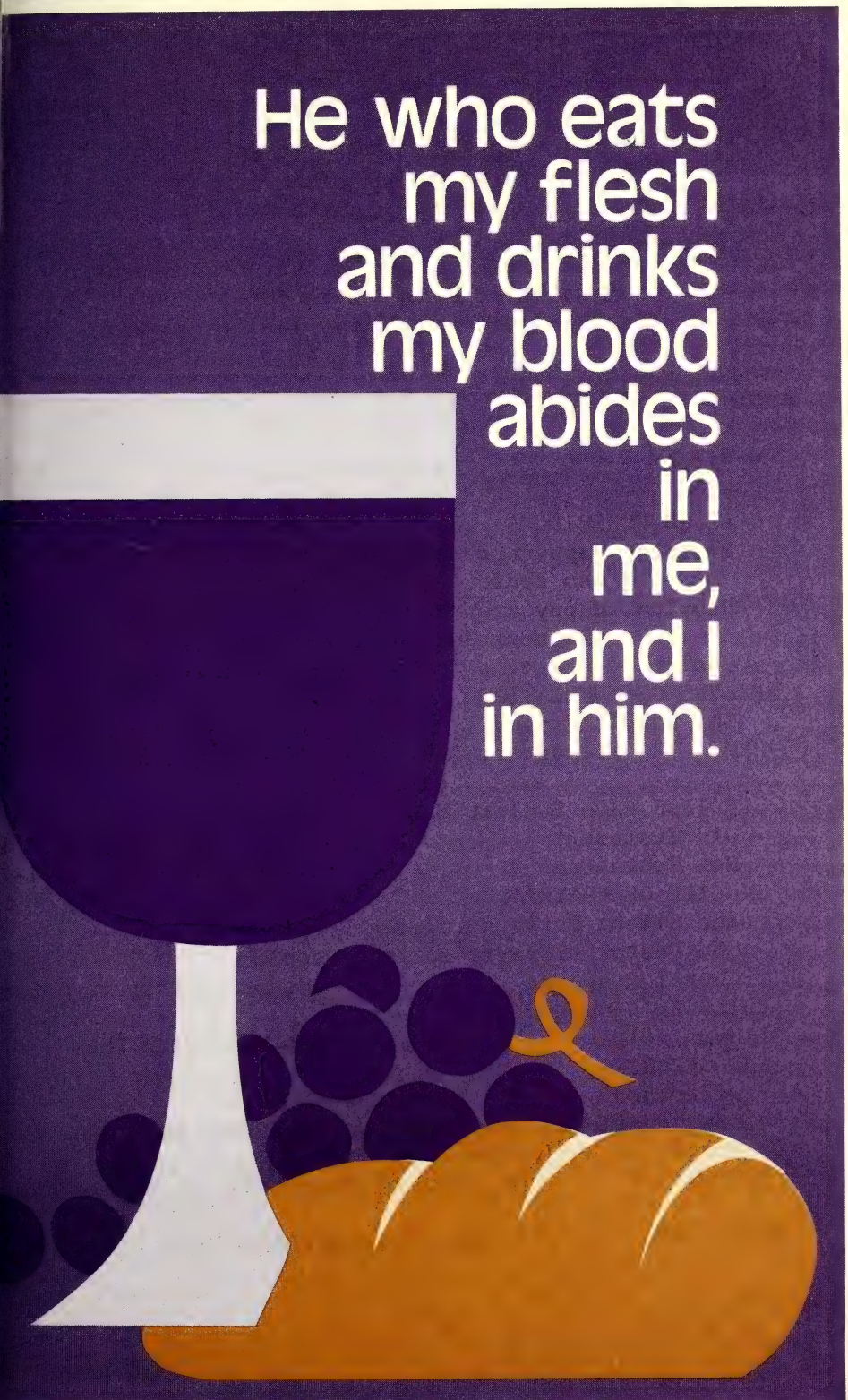
PREPARING TO FIGHT HUNGER

You may have heard the old proverb: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to fish and you feed him for the rest of his life." Today, that proverb needs to be even further extended. If you are really concerned to take care of the tremendous worldwide hunger which affects one-half of the world's population, join with your fellow church members in denominational and interdenominational programs to combat hunger, and press your concern for governmental and intergovernmental efforts as well. No amount of individual one-to-one help, no amount of individual sacrifice, alone can do the job!

In the United Church of Christ there are many avenues open to channel your concern for feeding the hungry of the world. The Board for Homeland Ministries, Board for World Ministries, Commission for Racial Justice, and many U.C.C. Conferences have programs for fighting hunger. The annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering is used primarily for direct feeding, food-for-work, agricultural development, agricultural education, comprehensive rural development, nutrition education, family planning, and general economic development — all of which help to alleviate hunger in the world. In addition, the new General Synod Hunger Fund will channel additional gifts, year-round, into other programs in which the United Church of Christ is engaged.

What can one person do? One can make personal sacrifices, one can contribute an extra financial gift beyond what one is already doing for the hunger programs of the churches, one can join with others in a ground swell of support for governmental participation in the continuing, worldwide war against hunger—all this one can do for the sake of humanity and in the name of Christ. So will hungry people be fed!

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He who eats
my flesh
and drinks
my blood
abides
in
me,
and I
in him.

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September 5, 1976 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Antiphon II Youn

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Happy are they whose life is blameless,
who conform to the law of the Lord.
People: Happy are they who obey his instruction,
who set their hearts on finding God.
Choir: Praise To God, Your Praises Bring
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Habakkuk 3:17-19
New Testament Philippians 4:8, 9, 11-13
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Chorale in G Major Bach
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON A World of Chocolate

*HYMN 494 "We Would Be Building"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Maude Sharpe Powell by the Family.

TODAY: 7:30 Board of Deacons

THE SERVICE OF CONSECRATION for our new building and its furnishings will be held next Sunday at 11:00. Following our worship, we will quickly tour the facility and re-assemble on the front lawn for dedication of the memorial dogwoods. Share with others the joy and excitement of the completion of our building project.

IN THE NARTHEX you will find pictures taken at the time of our ground-breaking service in April, 1975.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond; Helen Alexander at Memorial.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Wednesday evening at 7:30.

PLEASE PROVIDE to the church office the names and addresses of our members who are attending a college, university, or other graduate school..

WELCOME, STUDENTS OF ELON COLLEGE.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 5, 1976**

Labor Sunday

John 6: 51-59

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood..." The words are unpalatable. They smack of cannibalism. Their meaning, however, is more profound than what literally they say. They mean that we enter eternal life by incorporating Jesus' life into our life. We do that by believing in Jesus, doing what we hear him command and see him do. When we open our spirits to the indwelling of his Spirit, he nourishes and renews us. We fully participate in the story of Jesus when we embody it in our story and give it reality in our own existence.

AND WALK IN THE WAY OF INSIGHT

We in the United States are in the midst of our Bicentennial Year, celebrating our heritage and sharing our dreams, looking with fond remembrance at things past and with hope at things to come.

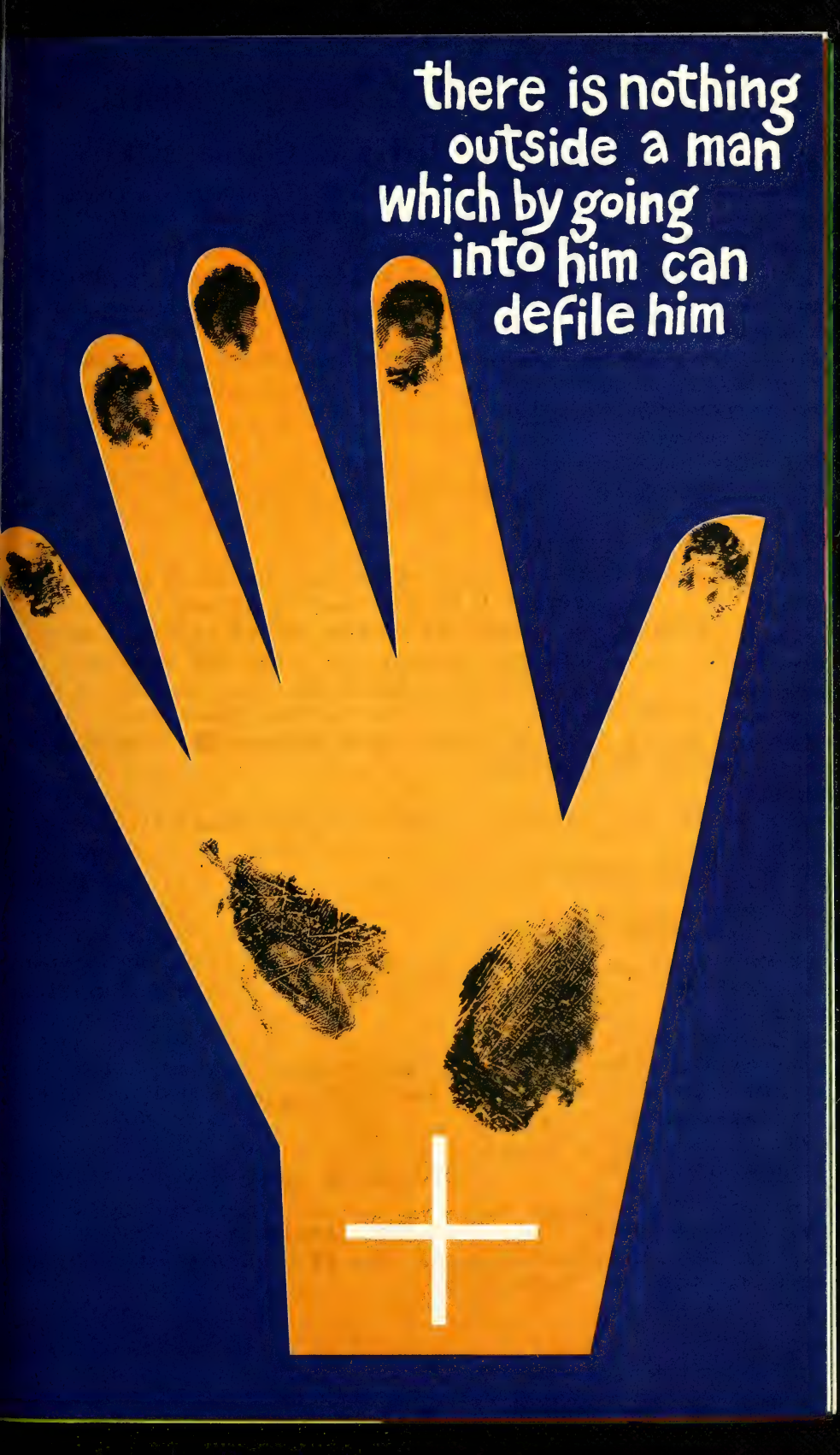
On this Labor Sunday we look back at our employment practices over the past two hundred years and see some with not so fond remembrance: child labor, indenture/slave labor, 12- to 15-hour workdays, poor work environments. As attitudes have changed, our laws have changed. Now we find ourselves in 1976 surrounded by pleas, requests, and demands for equal rights—equal pay for equal work, job competition based on skill and potential and not on gender or ethnic background, full participation in the decision-making process of business, government, and church.

Today, approximately two of every five workers are women; one-half of all women between 18 and 64 are employed; 9 of 10 women will seek employment some time during their lives. Women who are not allowed to develop their potential are robbed of their birthright. If they are to retain this birthright, and we, ours, in society and in the church, we must move beyond the past to walk in the way of insight, with hope for the fulfillment of our best dreams.

Deborah Casey
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there is nothing
outside a man
which by going
into him can
defile him

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September 19, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Praise Unto God Almighty H. Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God calls us into his church to be his servants in the service of men.
People: We gather as people of God to sing, to praise, to pray, to renew our vows of faithfulness and love.
Pastor: Then, let us worship God together.
Choir: Let My Prayer Come Up Into Thy Presence
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 263 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READINGS Joshua 24:13-15
John 6:60-69

ANTHEM Blessed Jesu Pergolesi

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak To Me"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Thou That Dwellest
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON If I Can Find The Church...

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 363 "A Mighty Fortress"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Polly T. Marino, Mrs. Menta Tapscott, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Sr., by the Phil Marino, Jr. Family.

TODAY: 7:00 Stewardship Missionary Education Committee

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our church staff Miss Arlene Pate. Miss Pate will be working as an intern in the adult choral program. She is a junior at Elon College, majoring in music education.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham, Richmond; Jim MacDonald at Good Samaritan, Portland; Helen Alexander and Sybil White at Memorial, Burlington.

AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will begin on October 3, meeting at 9:45 in the library.

SEPTEMBER 26 is Children's Home Sunday. We will be introducing the new children and staff of the Elon Home. Slides of Home activities will be shown on the porch at 10:45.

THE PICTURES in the narthex are from confirmation, baptism, and our ground-breaking Service, courtesy of Dr. Paul Cheek.

ADDRESSES are still needed for those students in college. Please call the office secretary.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 19, 1976**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The problem of religious ceremony is not in its ultimate inadequacy, but in its partial usefulness. A formal call to worship can help to focus devotion. Ritual prayer can spark flames of genuine praise, penitence, and petition. To offer a portion of your life before an altar made with human hands can stir you to offer your whole life before God's throne. But when ritual becomes itself the end, you have been tricked into missing Jesus' truth: only inwardness counts—a pure heart, a meek and penitent soul, a peacable and loving spirit.

REPLACING A LOST GENERATION OF LEADERS

One of the most critical needs confronting American Indian congregations of major Protestant denominations today is leadership development. A recent survey of seven such denominations showed 499 Indian churches being served by only 68 fully accredited pastors of Indian origin. And the average age of these pastors was 52, much higher than the average age of the total Indian population, 23! In a few years these pastors will reach retirement—what then? There are few young leaders to replace them. In the United Church of Christ, the situation is the same. Only three ordained Indian pastors are available to serve our twenty-three Indian congregations!

What is needed to meet this crisis is a massive program of leadership development to increase the capability of existing leadership—lay and clergy—and to recruit and fully train leaders for the future. U.C.C. Indian leaders, together with their counterparts from the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches, recently met with representatives of three groups: Cook Christian Training School, Dakota Leadership Program, and United Theological Seminary. Together they began work on an ecumenical program which can help replace the "missing generation" of leadership for Indian churches. Such leadership development has been identified by our U.C.C. Council for American Indian Ministry as its number one priority.

The American Indian Sunday Offering of former years will be included in the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering for the first time this year. By giving to the NIN offering you will be supporting the programs of the Council for American Indian Ministry and helping to develop church leadership for our American Indian congregations.

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September 26, 1976 Children's Home Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude No. I Van Huls

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship.
People: He is our God and we are his people.
Pastor: In spirit and in truth, let us worship him.
Choir: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (st. 1-4)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 139:1-12, 23, 24
Matthew 7:15-20

ANTHEM Sine Nomine Williams

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
Children's Sermon Miss Grubb
RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S HOME
Introduction of Staff and Children
A READING OF RENEWAL
Pastor: Let us affirm the common experience that leads us into fellowship and covenant relation with God and one another.

People: Having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we joyfully affirm our covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

Pastor: Let us name some ministries by which we strengthen our life together in Christ.

People: We agree to walk together in Christian love: giving and receiving admonition in prayer, aiding in sickness and distress, cultivating sympathy of feeling and courtesy of speech, being slow to take offense and always ready for reconciliation.

Pastor-People: As a congregation, we gladly affirm our relations to the Elon Home for Children. We pledge our support of them and we urge their full participation with us in ministry in the name of Christ to the Glory of God.

Elon Home: We rejoice in this concern. We affirm that we are at home in this church fellowship. We pledge our participation, sharing in mutual ministries one to another.

All: Humbly recognizing our limitation, we pray for grace and strength to remember and live out these holy vows, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Offertory Meditation for Organ Van Hulse

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Ye Shall Know Them by Their Fruits

Dr. Snyder

*HYMN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" (st.1-2)

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 1976

Mark 7:31-37

A woman once told her pastor, "You don't listen." Nothing was wrong with his ears. His difficulty lay deeper. In reality, his deafness was a form of heedlessness. It had to do with a style of leadership and feeling about others. He needed to have his ears opened. But that required therapy that went deeper than eardrums. Mark tells us that Jesus called to a deaf man, "Ephphatha," that is, "be opened," and the man could hear. We need that "Ephphatha," Christ's therapy to open us to each other so that we really listen—and hear—one another.

YOU *CAN* DO SOMETHING

"What can anybody do about the quality of radio or television broadcasting?" you may have wondered. "Is there no way in which the public can influence broadcasting service and employment practices without resorting to litigation?"

New rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission to govern television-station license renewals now make it mandatory for stations to be in continuous contact with members of the public. Station managers thus may be better aware of the needs, tastes, and desires of their viewers. The Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ is now helping to train community leaders across the country to take advantage of these new rules. It is training them to participate in the process of designing a broadcasting agenda which will serve the public need well ahead of the time when applications for license renewal are filed.

This year, the Office of Communication is bringing "Check Your Local Stations" workshops to community leaders across the United States. The curriculum for the workshops has been prepared by Professor Robert Lewis Shayon of the Annenberg School of Communication, University of Pennsylvania. Participants are members of local religious organizations, civic groups, local government agencies, minority organizations, and women's groups.

If the receipts for the Neighbors in Need Offering exceed the amount allocated for the three major projects, the offering will help to expand the itinerary of these Office of Communications workshops. Then, through your giving to NIN, you will be able to do something to improve radio and television!

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Jr. by Miss Mary Lee Foster.

TODAY: 4:00 Acolytes
3:00 Senior Hi Youth

WE ARE PLEASED to recognize today the children and staff of the Elon Home for Children. Of the 61 children, 21 are new this year. Throughout the years, our church has maintained a close and valued relationship with the Elon Home. We are delighted to welcome to our pulpit today the executive director, Dr. W. W. Snyder, who is also one of our own members.

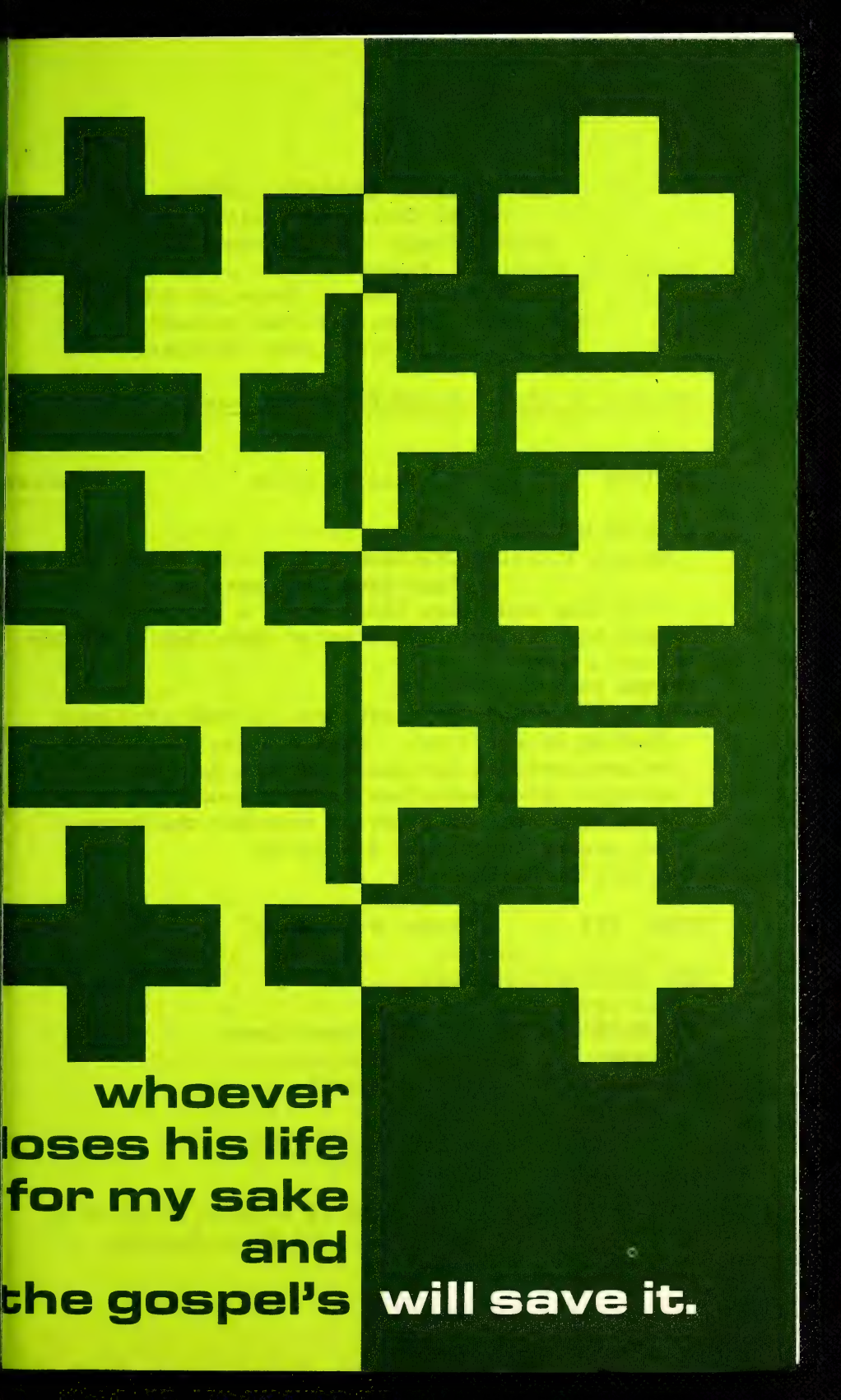
AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will begin on October 3, meeting at 9:45 in the library.

HOSPITALIZED: Frankie Long at Chippenham, Richmond; Jim MacDonald at Good Samaritan, Portland; Virginia Jeffreys at County.

TRAVELING WITH the Heritage Bus Tour to New England this week are Dr. and Mrs. Sloan, Eleanor Kittenger, and Rev. Rinker as a tour leader.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.


whoever
loses his life
for my sake
and
the gospel's
will save it.

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October 3, 1976 World Communion Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Thee We Adore Peeter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit Gracious God, I come before thee, Come thou also unto me; Where we find thee and adore thee, There a heaven on earth must be. To my heart O enter thou, Let it be thy temple now.

UNISON PRAYER

O Lord our God, in joyfulness we recognize your leading of our lives. As a company of seekers, we are grateful for these moments to turn our thoughts from ourselves to your wonderful presence with us. In devotion we offer the prayer our Master taught his disciples:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 8:27-3

* Gloria Patri

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Amen

Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us pray:

MEDITATION Profit and Loss

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
Arlene Pate, Soprano

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee but Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving
*HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (st. 1-4)

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response The Doxology

Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Hunter and Richard Allen Hunter by Dorothy Hunter Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

TODAY: 7:30 Board of Deacons

OTHER: Circles of the Women's Fellowship meet this week...The E.N.C. Association Meeting is Wednesday at First Christian Church, Burlington...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Frankie J. Long on September 28. Memorial Services were held here Friday...Laity Sunday will be celebrated here next Sunday with Dr. J. Earl Danieley as our guest speaker...Jim MacDonald is a patient at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland...Our Pastor will be out of town next weekend. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the office secretary.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 3, 1976**

Mark 8:27-35

The metaphor, "Light at the end of the tunnel," draws many skeptical smiles. We recall the proverb, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick," with considerable pain. The tunnels through which we make our way seem without end: love that goes a second mile and sees no light; a reaching toward unity among peoples—into an apparent void; a struggle for justice among nations and races that costs work, draws blows, and yields deferred hope. We are weary, discouraged disciples, but Jesus stands as the example of mortal life lost but eternal life gained.

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Neighbors in Need all-church offering is designed to provide help for disadvantaged and minority people in the United States, help which they would not otherwise receive through the regular budgeted work of Our Christian World Mission. In addition, this year NIN programs will benefit many Americans:

- *American Indians* will be the beneficiaries of the first $150,000 from the NIN offering. This will substitute for the special American Indian Sunday offering received during the past six years. The money will fund programs of our Council for American Indian Ministry.
- *Puerto Rican Americans* will be the beneficiaries of $120,000 from the NIN offering. This will enable our Board for Homeland Ministries to initiate work with Puerto Rican communities in a dozen cities.
- *American consumers* will be helped to protect themselves from unfair business practices through a $130,000 program of our Commission for Racial Justice. Consumer groups will be mobilized in six cities and aided in their efforts on behalf of us all.

It is also hoped that, if the offering provides sufficient funds, NIN will help blacks, women, and other minority groups to overcome stereotyped images on radio through a $30,000 program of our Office of Communication. Workshops will help such groups to negotiate fair practices with local stations.

Be generous in support of your Neighbors in Need. This year, every American will benefit.

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WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE SUCH CHILD IN MY NAME RECEIVES ME



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October 10, 1976 Laity Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Come, Christians, Wake and Sing Nevin

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ken Harpe
Leader: Wake up, everybody. We've come together to worship God.
People: It is the time for the awakening of the mind and the senses to the glory of God.
Leader: Let us hear, awake, and see that the Lord is good; and let us give thanks.
People: Through our seeing and our serving, we would worship God.
Choir: "Morning Has Broken"
*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

UNISON PRAYER
God, be in my head, and in my understanding;
God, be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God, be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God, be in my heart, and in my thinking. Amen.
SCRIPTURE READINGS

SERVICE OF PRAYER Marsh McLellan
A Prayer Hymn 232 "Spirit of God"
The Silent Prayers
The Spoken Prayers
ANTHEM Hope in the Lord Christianse

CHILDREN'S SERMON Miss Grubl

THE OFFERING

Offertory	Offertory for Organ	Peeters
* Congregational Response		Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication		
SERMON	Wake Up - See and Serve	Earl Danieley

*HYMN 494 "We Would Be Building"

*CLOSING PRAYER

* Choral Response	Nunc Dimittis

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Earl W. Vickers, Sr., by Mrs. Earl W. Vickers, Sr.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee

TODAY WE CELEBRATE LAITY SUNDAY with other UCC churches throughout the country. We express our thanks and appreciation to those members of our church who share the leadership for this service of worship - Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Kenneth L. Harper, Marsh McLelland and June Grubb. We also thank Jane Danieley and Arlene Pate for their assistance with our special music.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Committee will meet Monday at 7:30 in the conference room.

HOSPITALIZED: Goldie Smith at Memorial and Jim MacDonald at Good Samaritan, Portland.

ARTICLES for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 1976

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' love for children is remarkable when you see it in the setting of his life. One evening, after a long day spent at work with great crowds, Jesus was surrounded by a swarm of children who sought his attention. When the disciples tried to "protect" Jesus, he reproved them and welcomed the children into his arms. When threats to his life grew ominous and his disciples were deaf to the call to servanthood, Jesus set a child before them, saying that to care for anyone who is as lowly as a child is an authentic sign of loyalty to the gospel.

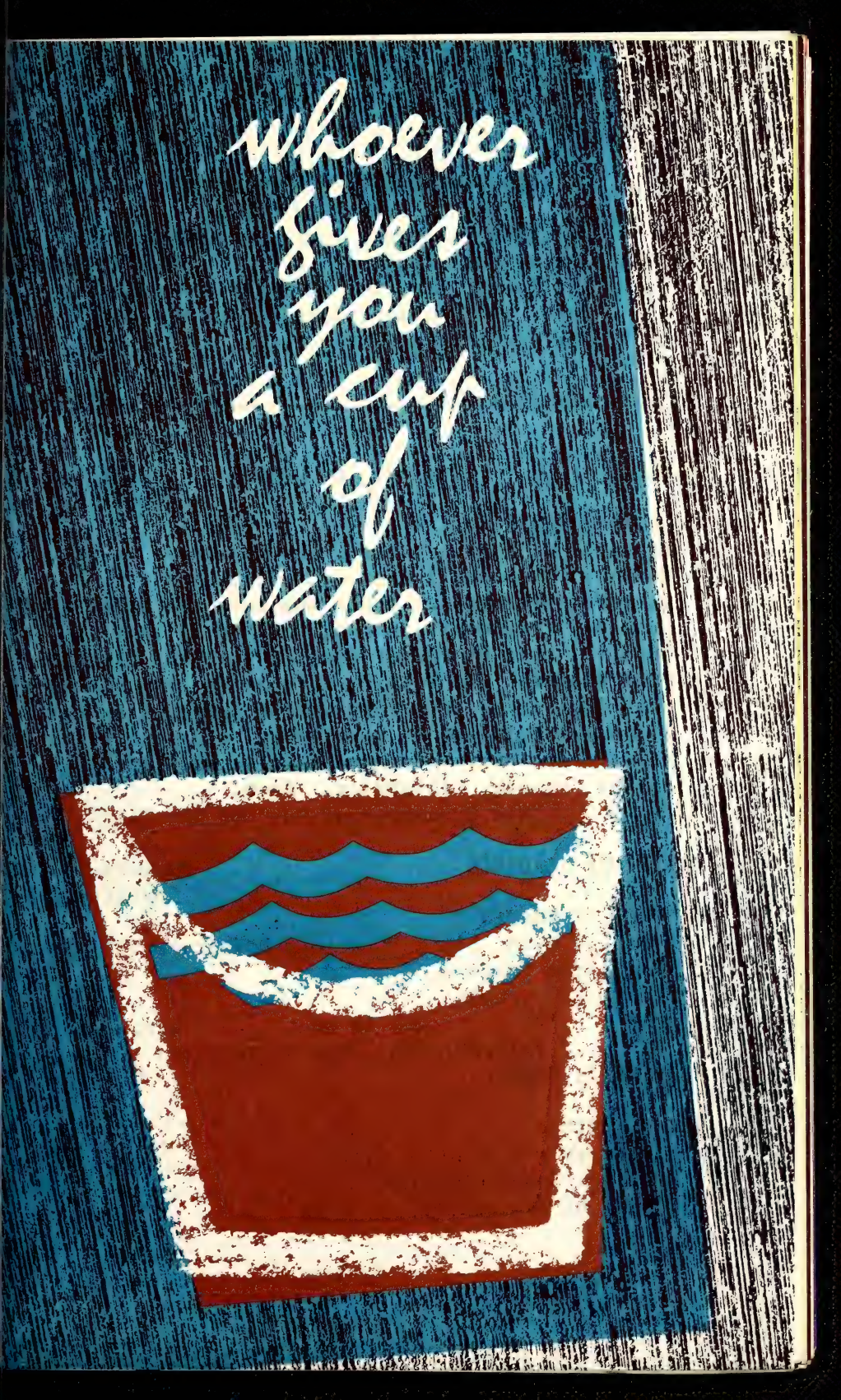
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

When Salim Erdem spoke to the new students at the Tarsus American School, he recalled his own feelings of excitement and anticipation when he was an entering student in 1967. He begged the new students to make the most of every day. "These school days," he told them, "will never come again!" Salim pointed out that the graduates of this school, which is related to the United Church Board for World Ministries, consistently score high points in the national university examinations, and he praised the extra-curricular and social life as being as important as the academic work.

Another former student, a graduate of 1946, asked the new students to consider why today there are cars with licenses from far parts of Turkey on the street outside the school. "Is it not," he asked, "because the school has a very desirable commodity to offer—a special kind of education for which people come from afar and sacrifice much to attain for their children?"

The staff of Tarsus American School is multinational: American, British, Turkish, and German. But perhaps even more than this, the thing which makes this school unique is its quiet witness to the concern for others that lies at the heart of the Christian gospel. Many of the graduates of this mission-founded institution are leading the way in Turkey, showing a human concern which they first learned in a Christian context. The church, by its presence, has made a difference in their lives and in the lives of those around them. By your giving, you empower the United Church of Christ to maintain and to strengthen its educational ministry and witness in Turkey and elsewhere.

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water

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October 17, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude for Organ Jane Daniele
Guest Organis

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Blessed are those who have eyes to see.
People: They shall find God everywhere.
Pastor: Blessed are those who know the power of lov
People: They dwell in God, for God is love.
Choir: "Let My Prayer Come Up Into Thy Presence"

UNISON PRAYER: Our Father, we come in the newness of this day asking your forgiveness and seeking the light and guidance of your love. Grant us grace to receive and obey your word that we grow in our caring, sharing ministries. Amen.

*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Numbers 11:24-2
Hebrews 2:5-1

SERVICE OF PRAYER
A Prayer Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me'
The Silent Prayers
The Spoken Prayers

ANTHEM God is Seen arr. K.K. Davi
(Arlene Pate, Intern Director)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE OFFERING
Offertory Aria Peeters
* Congregational Response Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Cost of Caring

*HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey T. Holt in memory of their parents, Mr. W. A. Holt, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Albright.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
4:00 Organizational meeting for Junion Hi Youth, in the Parish House
5:00 Confirmation Class

THE LOINT WORKSHOPS sponsored by the Conference Christian Education Commission will be held here Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

THE BLOODMOBILE will be at the Elon College Gymnasium Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS to discuss and prepare recommendations on the 1977 proposed budget will be held October 25, 26, 27, 28. It is hoped that each member will attend one of the meetings. A list is posted in the narthex.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the third quarter are available in the narthex. You can save us the cost of mailing by taking your envelope today.

THE UNICEF Talent Show is coming up on October 31. Admission will be by donations with a minimum of 25¢ for children and 50¢ for adults. Come join us - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 1976

Mark 9:38-48

A man gently chided his friend for being "more Catholic than the Pope." We must guard against being more religious than Jesus. Mark describes a man, healing in Jesus' name. The disciples try to stop him. He is an outsider, a heathen. "Leave the man alone," Jesus says, "his work puts him in our camp." That suggests our folly in trying to lock God in any ritual, creed, or church. God breaks out of all boxes to get his work done. What matters is not the credentials of those who do that work but that the work accord with God's plan for human life.

HABITAT FOR WORLD ORDER

Thirty years ago, the National Council of Churches designated the Sunday nearest to October 24, the founding date of the United Nations, as World Order Sunday. This past summer, the U.N. sponsored "Habitat, A Conference On Human Settlements," in Vancouver, Canada. Habitat provided for coordination and exchange of information about the world we live in and demonstrated to the world the peaceful approaches that can safeguard and improve the quality of life for us all. That life is threatened by the burgeoning world population that is likely to double in the next 25 years. It is threatened by worsening problems of under-development which leaves an ever-growing number of people locked in urban and rural poverty. And it is endangered by progressive deterioration of our natural environment; our air, water, and land.

Representatives of church and religious groups joined in a Forum which provided assistance in planning Habitat. One of the Forum's contributions to Habitat was a religious pavilion that provided for an examination of the spiritual values which underlie all human settlements. Plans called for the dismantlement of Hope Village, Habitat's cluster of pavilions, after the conference and for its erection at a future community site as a small contribution to the ongoing work of Habitat. Through your denomination you had a small part in this creative and helpful conference and in its contribution to a peaceful world order for us all.

Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
Stewardship Council
United Church of Christ

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What . . . God has joined together,
let not man put asunder.

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October 24, 1976 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Father, Thy Glory Be Praised Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: It is he who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: Praise God in his sanctuary.
People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lor
Choir: "Grant Me True Courage, Lord"

UNISON PRAYER: Come to us, God of Grace, and aid us to hear your word in faith. Receive our worship of grateful praise, responsive love, and earnest devotion in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 12:1-1
Hebrews 11:8-1

SERVICE OF PRAYER
A Prayer Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"
The Silent Prayers
The Spoken Prayers

ANTHEM Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake Farran

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE OFFERING
Offertory Organ Offertory No. 2 Nevin
* Congregational Response Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON God of All Places

*HYMN 93 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Leo D. Martin by the Family.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS to discuss and prepare recommendations on the proposed 1977 budget will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. If you cannot attend the session in your neighborhood, please select another to your convenience. A list is posted in the narthex.

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OTHER: On Thursday evening at 7:00, the Burlington District Churchmen's Fellowship will meet at First Christian Church...The same evening at 7:30, Dr. John Redhead, Jr. will be guest speaker for the Elon College Fall Worship Service at Whitley Auditorium...The Exchange Club Brunswick Stew is Saturday starting at 8 a.m. at the Hut...The Board of Deacons will meet briefly in front of the lectern following our morning worship today.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 24, 1976**

Mark 10:2-16

There is a casual attitude about marriage that encourages irresponsibility, litters the world with broken lives, and erodes the foundation of society. There is also a rigorous legalism that condemns some families to being domestic hell. Taken in his totality, Jesus appears to sanction neither extreme. He sees marital bonds as being rooted in God's creation and thus to be safeguarded. But, as Dean William Inge once wrote, had Jesus faced a hard case, he might have said, as he said about another law, "marriage was made for man, not man for marriage."

HELP FOR THE HUNGRY CALLS FOR ACTION

What have you done for the hungry lately? You have given to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering in Lent? That's good! The gift you made to OGHS supports the work of the Division of World Service of our United Church Board for World Ministries throughout the year as it assists ongoing development projects and offers emergency assistance to needy people in over forty countries.

But, you say, you want to do more? That's good, too! Perhaps you have given to the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund. Through your gift you have helped an agricultural extension project at Vadala, India. You have helped to identify persons in rural Carbon County, Pennsylvania, to become certified for food stamps. You have helped to develop a hunger curriculum for Junior and Junior-High young people. You have helped a church in California build a world resources curriculum, a Welfare Advocacy Center in Wisconsin undertake a community education effort, and an ecumenical corsortium in Washington-North Idaho establish a network of persons interested in hunger-related public policy and legislative issues.

If you want to do more for hungry people you can be sure that giving a special gift to the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund will multiply your efforts many-fold. Simply earmark your check for the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund and send it through the treasurer of your local congregation.

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UNICEF



& TALENT SHOW

Sponsored by:

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

7:00 p.m.
Parish House

October 31, 1976

Admissions: 25¢ children; 50¢ adults

PROGRAM

BRAGG AND COMPANY COMEDY ACT

*Trio + 1 "Shower The People"
"That'll Be The Day"
John Crenshaw, Joseph Gminder, Nathan Gminder, Lynne Fogleman

*Brenda and Frankie "DANCE"
Brenda Jean Epps, Frank Powell

A CHORALE, by the Senior Choir

*Piano Solo "Spanish Dance"
Charles Wilkins

* "FRIENDS"
Esther Gminder, Susan Barney

AN EDUCATIONAL INTERLUDE
Richard N. Rinker

INTERMISSION
(10 minutes)

POETRY BY 'YOURS TRULY'
Dr. John G. Truitt

*Vocal Solo "Color My World"
Lynne Fogleman

THAT 'OLE' BLACK MAGIC
Chris Vickers

*TO BE JUDGED

*Vocal Solo by Brenda Epps

A Dance "MONEY"
Luci Atkinson, Melanie Artley

*PANTOMIME "...22, 22, 22..."
Pat Hammers, Tony Dickerson, Joy Hamilton

*Piano Solo
Al Thomas

* Vocal Solo "DESPERADO"
Joseph Gminder

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Mistress of Ceremonies: Sharon Rinker

LIGHTING: Patsy Griswold, Jay Updyke

JUDGES: Bill Blanchard, Bill Ellis
Martha Caddell, Phyllis Young

Publicity: Jane Alexander, Joy Hamilton
Patsy Griswold, Cindy Rinker

Decorations: Patsy Griswold, Cindy Rinker
Sharon Rinker, Susan Barney
Olga Griswold

Refreshments: Lynne Fogleman, Patsy Griswold
Susan Barney, Esther Gminder
June Grubb

THANK YOU FOR COMING! WE HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD TIME, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME WE ALL CONTRIBUTED TO UNICEF.

WHAT IS UNICEF?

UNICEF IS CARING!.....A YEAR-ROUND JOB to help improve children's services in the most deprived areas of the world, where three-fourths of the world child population currently lives. Today UNICEF is working in over 100 countries to give children a good start in life, the good start that every child deserves.

UNICEF IS PART of the United Nations proper, but it has a semi-autonomous status, its own Executive Board, staff, and budget. The Children's Fund is financed entirely by voluntary contributions from governments and nongovernmental sources in over 120 countries.

UNICEF is nonpolitical. It helps children throughout the world, regardless of race, religion, or nationality. UNICEF is one of the few organizations that have been consistently able to help children on all sides of political or military conflict.

THE FUNDS collected by UNICEF Day activities can go a long way. Just 32¢ protects 20 children against tuberculosis. $5 stocks a pond with baby fish for potential protein supply; $17 supplies a simple midwife's kit; $92 provides a deep-well pump to supply a whole village with safe drinking water.

"A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important.....The fate of humanity is in his hands."

- Abraham Lincoln


THE TRUTH
WILL MAKE
YOU FREE

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October 31, 1976 Reformation Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Harvest Time Nevin

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God is light and in him is no darkness at all.
People: Send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead us.
Choir: "Spirit of the Living God"
UNISON PRAYER: Almighty God, we pray for the Church world-wide as it seeks to live by the light and truth of your Spirit. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where in error, direct it; where amiss, refor it; where right, establish it; where divided, unit it for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen.
*HYMN 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 8: 31-3
Romans 3: 21-2

SERVICE OF PRAYER
A Prayer Hymn 392 "Father in Heaven,Who Lovest Al
The Silent Prayers
The Spoken Prayers
ANTHEM O Lord, Our God Mozar
Peggy Lackey, Soprano
CHILDREN'S SERMON
Church Announcements
THE OFFERING
Offertory The Lord Cometh To Those Who Pray Scheidt
* Congregational Response Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free

*HYMN 365 "Faith of our Fathers"

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Talent Show Family Night
7:30 Executive Committee of Outreach Committee

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY Service will be held at Macedonia Lutheran Church, Friday at 10:30.

THE UNICEF FAMILY NIGHT will feature talent competition and entertainment for the whole family. Admission will be by donations of 25¢ for children and 50¢ for adults. Come join us---7:00 p.m. tonight in the Parish House.

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS will be held next Sunday. We have goals of $43,126 for current, $7500 for benevolenceand building pledges equal to last year. The canvassers will call on those who have not submitted pledges by next Sunday morning.

OTHER:The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Noah upon the death of his brother, Malcolm R. Noah of Graham, on October 25th.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 31, 1976

John 8:31-36

In a sharp debate with the Temple crowd, Jesus said that we are freed by knowing the truth. But, how do we know the truth? Truth is not a self-disclosure by material objects and random events. It is a revelation from God. Truth comes not by massing data into mountains of fact. It inheres in the relations of humans with God. You learn the truth by doing the truth. That tests it, "fleshes it out." Sin blinds the mind and enslaves the will. But to love God, "whose service is perfect freedom," brings true liberty.

REFORMATION

Reformation Sunday is a time set aside when churches of the Reformed tradition affirm and celebrate unique and challenging memories.

Memories of a specific time in history, in the Reformation period, when believers were called to put their faith solely in Jesus Christ, who alone offers forgiveness of sins and with that the promise of new life.

Memories of persons with vision and courage who determined that the Body of Christ could not become the comfortable agent of an errant society.

Memories of truth proclaimed with conviction and courage, calling believers to be the people of God, challenging the people of God to be a leaven in society.

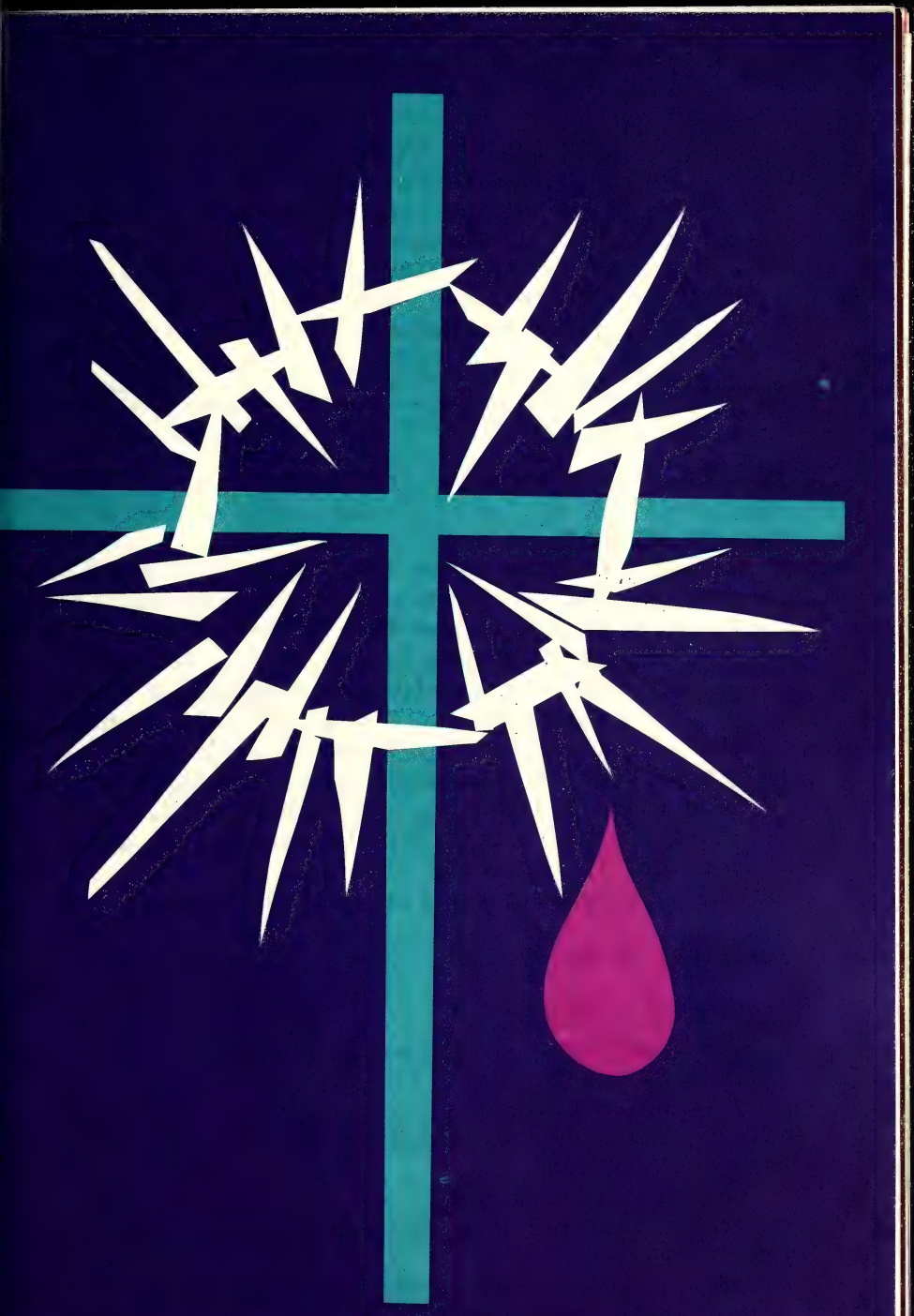
Memories of the times since the Reformation when the church has not been content to rest on the laurels of accomplishments made but has dared to venture forth with tasks to be done.

Memories of the call of Jesus Christ to "Come, follow me," a call which has continued on to the present to disrupt complacency, encourage the faint-hearted, overcome hesitancy, and make firm our halting steps.

James G. Kirk
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a ransom for many

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November 7, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fantasia for Organ Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God has given us the good things of earth for the needs and delights of all people.

People: We are to use them joyfully, not abusing other people or ourselves. We are to share them with our neighbors. We are to offer them to God as servants of his grace

Choir: Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

UNISON PRAYER: Remind us, O Lord, of the things we mean to do and the ways we mean to mend. Renew in us a right spirit for our worship now and for our work in the world. Amen.

*HYMN 6 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 4: 5-8
Ephesians 4: 1-16

SERVICE OF PRAYER

A Prayer Hymn 41 "Father, We Praise Thee" (St. 1)
The Silent Prayers
The Spoken Prayers

ANTHEM Two Eary American Hymn Tunes W. Billings

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Church Announcements
The Commissioning of Canvassers

THE OFFERING

Offertory Andante from Concerto II Bach

* Congregational Response Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON — You Have a Gift

*HYMN 490 — "Now In the Days of Youth"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response — Nunc Dimittis

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Lyon and Mr. G. Dudley Turner by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lyon.

TODAY: 2--4 Every member canvass
5:00 Confirmation class
7:30 Board of Deacons

OUR EVERY MEMBER CANVASS to pledge the proposed 1977 Church Budget is now in process. This afternoon the canvassers will call in the homes of those members who have not yet submitted pledges.

THE SWINE FLU VACCINE is available to the elderly citizens of the area Tuesday afternoon from two to four in the Parish House.

THE ANTHEM TODAY reflects the bicentennial period of our history. We express our appreciation to Meri Ford and Terry Morris for providing the instrumental accompaniment.

THE JUNIOR HI YOUTH will meet Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the Parish House to go roller skating.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Beheler upon the death of her mother on October 31 in Lincolnton.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for November and December are available in the narthex.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 7, 1976**

Mark 10:35-45

Recently, several people were held hostage on a jet plane that was being skyjacked for ransom. The hostages had no part in the conflict that had led to the plane's capture. Officials of the government against which the skyjack was directed voluntarily took the place of the hostages, thus enabling them to go free. Mark uses such action to interpret Jesus' purpose in going to the cross. Jesus was no victim of accident or fate. He gave his life, to be "a ransom for many." By his dying, as in his living, Jesus intended that we be set free.

M POWER

November, 1976, is a month of important decisions for us. Among our most important decisions is the one we soon shall be making on how much money we will give for our church's work in 1977. In making this decision about our giving we have an important choice: to impoverish or to empower.

We can impoverish our own lives and the church's mission by refusing to consider our giving carefully. We can make our church poorer by giving less than we are able to give for the work that Christ calls the church to do.

Or we can examine our present spending patterns to see what is really valuable to us. We can figure out what percentage of our income we are currently giving for the church's work, knowing that one measure of our commitment to Christ is how much we give for Christ's work. And we can consider whether our present level of giving stirs up in us feelings of joy or feelings of guilt.

We can empower our own lives and the church's ministries with people by deciding to give to our church a significant proportion of what we possess. For most of us a good guideline would be a gift of at least $1 per week for every $1,000 of annual income — the first half of the tithe. For some of us with significantly lower or higher incomes a lower or higher proportion might be more appropriate.

We need to give as we ourselves have decided, remembering that "there should be no reluctance, no sense of compulsion; God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

How about you? Will you impoverish or empower? *M Power* your church's work and your own life!

Milton E. Gockley, Jr.
Secretary for Promotion
Stewardship Council
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LET ME RECEIVE MY SIGHT

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November 14, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sing Songs of Joy and Praise Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: The wisdom of God is both awesome and kindly.
People: Let us approach him now, trusting his kindness, and in awe of his greatness.
Choir: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee"

UNISON PRAYER: Lord Jesus, you restored sight to the blind and unstopped deaf ears. Enable us to see, to hear, to help. Grant us to be made whole by you for love and life. Amen

*HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 10: 46-52
Mark 9: 14-27

SERVICE OF PRAYER
A Prayer Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"
The Silent Prayers
The Spoken Prayers

ANTHEM O Lord, Search My Heart White
(Arlene Pate, Director)

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Church Announcements

THE OFFERING
Offertory When In Deepest Need Bach
* Congregational Response Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON First Steps First

HYMN 381 "My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt in memory of their mothers, Mrs. Alice Brehle and Mrs. Maria Van Volkom.

TODAY: 4:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Music Committee

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the library.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS under the direction of Mary Anne Johnston begin this Wednesday a program of singing, instrument usage, and musical drama. Grades 2-5 will meet 3:15--4:00; grades 6-8 will meet 4:00--4:45.

99 FAMILIES have now submitted 1977 pledges as follows:

	Pledged	Budget
Current	30,769	43,126
Benevolent	7,116	7,500
Building	14,028	20,000

NEXT SUNDAY, the LOINT Session led by Miss Grubb for all church school staff and others will be held in the Parish House from 3--5. In the evening at 7:30, our FAMILY NIGHT will feature slides of the Heritage Tour to New England. Bring the whole family.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THE SWINE FLU VACCINATIONS for persons 18 or older will be offered at four sites on Thursday.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 1976

Stewardship Sunday

Mark 10:46-52

They are all about us. Some bear youth's promise. Others are marked with the wrinkles and scars of age. Many carry the world's weight. Sick in body, marred in character, afflicted by unjust social systems, weak and despairing in hunger and want, they need our help as once the blind beggar Bartimaeus needed Jesus' help. But we can be as blind as Bartimaeus and not see them. Ah Christ, you restored sight to the blind and unstopped deaf ears. Enable us to see, to hear, and to help. Grant us, ourselves, to be made whole by you for love and life.

GOD'S INTENTION

On a plane bound for Tokyo or Rome, the steward or stewardess supervises a store of beverages, food, pillows, and other supplies. These are not primarily for that individual's use. They are entrusted to this person by the airline and are to be used for the comfort and convenience of passengers on the plane.

An estate's trustee takes care of property left by one person to benefit another. The trust requires "reasonable and prudent" management and the giving of a periodic account to show that the trustee is faithful to the will of the estate's creator and to the well-being of the estate's beneficiary.

In ancient Greece, household stewards were appointed to manage household goods, such as medicine, clothing, and food, seeing to it that these were equitably distributed to members of the household, according to the needs of each person.

All these are examples of stewardship. They suggest a vision. Money, human energy and skill, agencies of learning, commerce, government, and religion, and all of the earth's resources are the product of God's creative life. A responsible, foresightful, and prudent use of these things can facilitate our enjoyment, well-being, and growth. God's love intends that. The equitable use and generous sharing of these things can promote joy, well-being, and growth for all the people in God's household. For justice and mercy, God intends that, too.

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My kingship is not of this world



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November 21, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Praises Be To God On High Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: "Summer Ended, Harvest O'er"
Pastor: Thanks be to God--Father, Son and Holy Spirit--for all His gifts.
People: For life, and bread, and homes, and freedom, and cherished kin.
All: Yes, thanks be to God for forgiveness and courage and guidance and love.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 460 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"..

A LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING
Pastor: For the food which Thou hast given, making this a bountiful harvest for all,
People: We thank Thee, Lord.
Pastor: For the wheat, corn and other grains of the field,
People: We thank Thee, Lord.
Pastor: For the squash, pumpkin and all food of the vine,
People: We thank Thee, Lord.
Pastor: For the apple, pear and those fruits that grow,
People: We thank Thee, Lord.
Pastor: For the potato, turnip and that which grows beneath the soil,
People: We thank Thee, Lord.

Pastor: For the cabbage, lettuce and all green leafy things,
People: We thank Thee, Lord.
Pastor: For the food of the spirit so freely come from Thee, nourishing our spiritual lives day by day,
People: We thank Thee, Lord.

A PRAYER HYMN 21 "We Gather Together" (st 1,2)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Hymn 21 "We Gather Together" (st 3)
ANTHEM Sing to the Lord of Harvest Willan

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Church Announcements
THE OFFERING
Offertory Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Young
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON The Barn and the Mice
Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10
New Testament Reading: Luke 17: 11-19
*HYMN 440 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT is given to the Glory of God by the D. D. Atkinson Family.

TODAY: 3--5 Loint Workshop
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Heritage Tour Family Night

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 21, 1976

John 18:33-37

To Pilate's query, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "My kingship is not of this world." Did he mean that his authority had no earthly origin or political intent? If so, then his reign is divorced from worldly governance. But does God not stand above all human authority and require an account by earthly rulers for their stewardship of power? Did Jesus mean then that his kingship belongs to "the royal realm of truth?" If so, the quest of truth points us beyond all notions of fact and logic to the mystery of being, itself. Whichever way, Jesus the King!

THANKSGIVING

A small child came running to show her mother the package that the postman had just handed to her. Excitement made the little girl's face radiant, for this was the long expected gift from her grandparents in honor of her birthday, and it was impossible for her to wait to open it. Later, the whole family had the opportunity of seeing both the gift and the joy that it had brought to the child.

Can it be that we who have received so much from one who loves us need to move from the joy of simple receiving to the greater joy of sharing these gifts with others? More significant than the congratulations we find for success in obtaining things is our ability to see our responsibility to share those things with others. True thanksgiving carries us to the place where we can respond to the needs of others and so to communicate the real joy of sharing.

More than a child allowing others to hold her gift only temporarily, the followers of the Man of Nazareth are enabled to be set free from the tyranny of selfish possession to the liberty of generosity. True thanksgiving, a thanksgiving with responsibility, is the empowering of one's gift to create thanksgiving over and over.

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THE FIRST of the "Opportunities for Spiritual Renewal" will be held Tuesday morning at 10:00 with a repeat session Tuesday evening at 7:30. These sessions will be led by the pastor on Belief in Prayer.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to attend the 7:30 Tuesday evening lecture on "Women in Judaic-Christian Traditions" in Whitley Auditorium. The lecturer is Dr. Stuart Henry of Duke Divinity School.

THE SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING for the Elon Home for Children is received today and next Sunday. Our goal is to contribute a minimum of $400.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to act on the proposed 1977 budget and the report of the Nominating Committee will follow our Service of Worship next Sunday.

HOSPITALIZED: Susan Barbee and Martha Keppler at Memorial. Jane Rinker at Duke.

THE CHURCH CHOIRS meet Wednesday:
3:15 Grades 2-5
4:00 Grades 6-8
7:30 Adult Choir

PACK 51 of the Cub Scouts will hold its monthly meeting in the Parish House on Tuesday evening.

120 FAMILIES have now submitted 1977 pledges as follows:

	Pledged	Budget
Current	$31,999.80	$43,126.
Benevolent	7,187.40	7,500.
Building	13,878.00	20,000

TWO IMPORTANT PROGRAMS OFFERED TODAY

TEACHER TRAINING

L O I N T W O R K S H O P

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

"What Does It Mean To Teach in The Church School?"

FOR all Sunday Church School Teachers, and other interested persons.

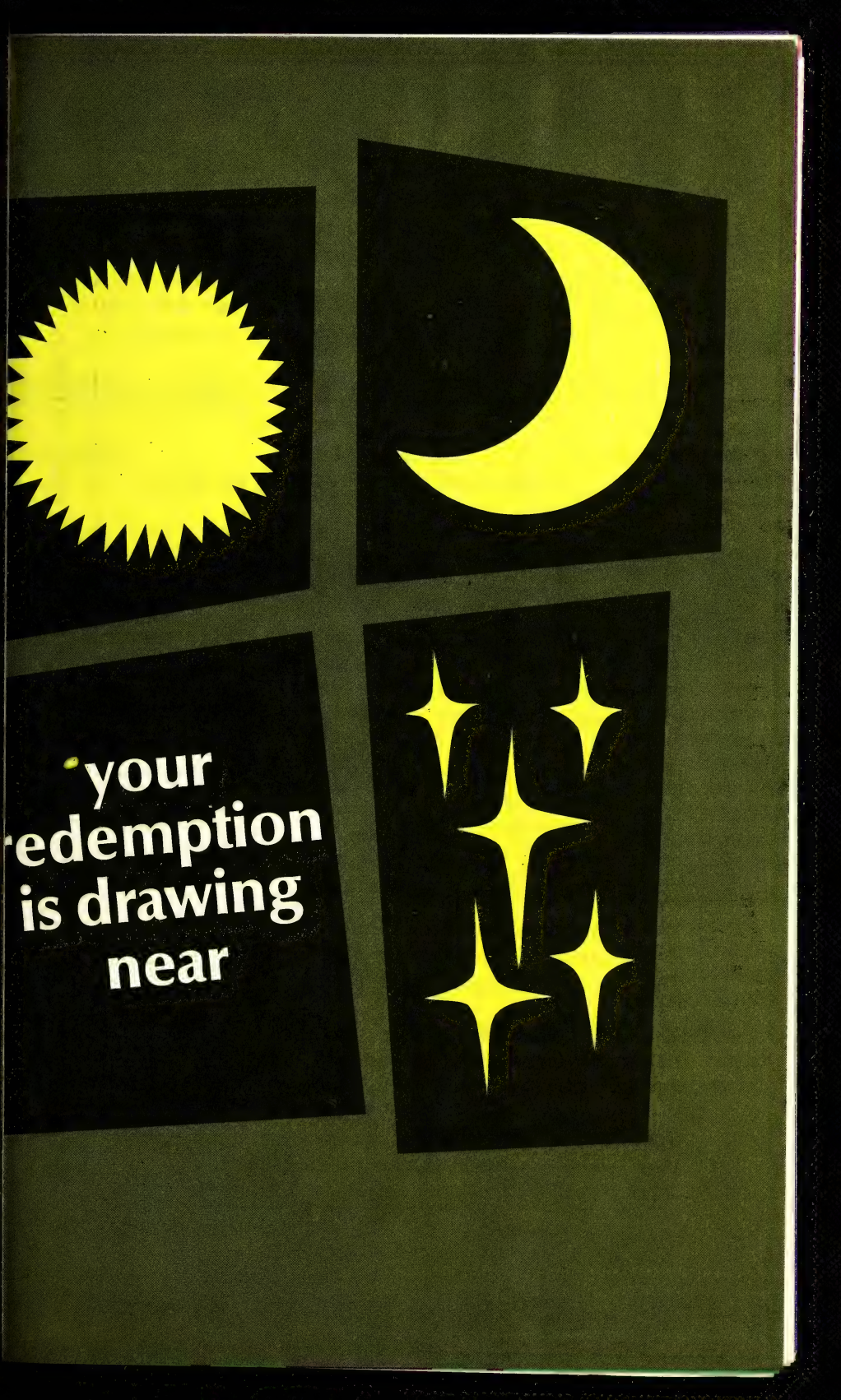
Parish House

FAMILY NIGHT

AN HISTORICAL TOUR OF NEW ENGLAND
(via a slide presentation)

Included in the presentation will be slides of Plymouth Plantation, "The Rock", Mayflower II, First Congregational Meetinghouse (Farmington), historic Boston, Riverside Church (New York City), Old Sturbridge Village (Springfield) and more.

7:30 p.m. PARISH HOUSE


your
redemption
is drawing
near

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November 28, 1976 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE In Thee Alone Pachelbel
(Jane Danieley, Guest Organist)
CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Of the Father's Love Begotten
*PROCESSIONAL 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting)
O God, our Father, no other time fills us with such joy and hope as does this season. Help us to use this period of Advent to prepare ourselves for Christmas, thinking thoughts and doing deeds that will make us more fit for his coming. In Jesus' name we come and offer ourselves in worship. Amen.
SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Jeremiah 33:14-16
New Testament Luke 21:25-36
* The Gloria Patri
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM For You Shall Go Out In Joy Newbury

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candle
* Hymn 119 "As with Gladness Men of Old"
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory The Christchild Cometh to Earth Bach
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON The Impossible Dream

*HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response God Be With You

* indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Shomaker, and her father, Mr. E.T. Murray.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to act on the proposed 1977 budget and the report of the nominating committee will follow our Service of Worship this morning.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class

THE SECOND of the "Opportunities for Spiritual Renewal" will be held Tuesday morning at 10:00 with a repeat session Tuesday evening at 7:30. These sessions will be led by the pastor on Prayer in Public Worship.

THE CHURCH CHOIRS meet Wednesday:
3:15 Grades 2-5
4:00 Grades 6-8
7:30 Adult Choir

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING for the Elon Home for Children is received today. Our goal is to contribute a minimum of $400.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Congratulations to Leon and Susan Holmes upon the birth of Jeremy Ryan Holmes on November 22... Fred Loy is a patient at Memorial Hospital...Family Night is next Sunday at 7:00 in the Parish House... Offering envelopes for use in 1977 are available in the downstairs hallway.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT **November 28, 1976**

Luke 21:25-36

We live too much from one day to the next, like children walking along a road, head down, unaware of dangers in the path, glory by the wayside, and the destination that lies ahead. Advent is the season to look back and recall Israel's faithful waiting for the coming Messiah, to look into our existence from the perspective of Jesus' life and victory over death, and to look toward the future with hope in God's purpose and power to fulfill the human story. "Look up and raise your heads," is the Advent call, "because your redemption is drawing near."

ADVENT

Advent, the moment of the year when our eyes look to the future! Expectation is the feeling we have. Something is about to happen—a newness. Excitement pervades the atmosphere. Soon we shall commemorate a birthday. In Advent we seek new meaning in the old, old story that Jesus Christ is born into this world. He comes to share your life and mine. We no longer have to look to the heavens to seek out our God. "Immanuel," God is personally with us, come to give us new life, new hope, new understanding, a new tomorrow. This is the message for which we prepare ourselves in Advent.

Advent tells the believer that God does not wait for him or for her to be at retreat in some mountain area. God doesn't wait for one to be at prayer, shutting-out the busyness of one's life just at that moment. God doesn't wait for persons to finish countless chores before being called; God doesn't wait at all.

God comes now. Not later. God calls us in spite of our situations, calls us just when we are the most involved, calls us even in the midst of our busy lives. Advent is God's call to live!

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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT

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December 5, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Let Us Go To Bethlehem Nevins

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Unison Prayer
Father of all, may the light of your presence release us from the darkness of our vain hopes By your light we see the coming of your Son. He is our light and our salvation. In His holy name we come in worship. Amen.
*HYMN 117 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Isaiah 9: 2,6,7
New Testament Luke 3: 1-6
* The Gloria Patri
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
SOLO Rejoice Greatly from "The Messiah" Handel
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candles
* Hymn 124 "Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Lullaby To The Christ Child Nevins
* Congregational Response-We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Preparation for Joy

*HYMN 114 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield in memory of Captain Joe S. Burchfield and in honor of Jeffrey Burchfield.

TODAY 5:00 Confirmation Class
5:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Family Night
7:30 Board of Deacons

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 7:00 in the Parish House. The Behelers and the Senior Hi Youth will be presenting a puppet show; and we will be decorating the Christmas trees and classrooms. Bring a dessert.

THIS WEEK'S Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will be held on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., led by Dr. Snyder on "Prayer in Private Devotions".

CONGRATULATIONS to James T. Holt, Jr. and Robin P. Smith whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

HOSPITALIZED: Fred Loy at Memorial

NEXT SUNDAY, our three choirs will present a re-telling of the Christmas story in music and drama for our Annual Christmas Choral Service.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Women's Fellowship will be held on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 5, 1976

Luke 3:1-6

The late Leslie Weatherhead once told about two friends who had been business partners for years. They were engaging in a practice in business of which they had grown ashamed before God. One penitently spoke to the other about their corrupt action. He recalled how they both had been "decent lads once." The partner's eyes, said Weatherhead, "became the windows of a dark house, and I saw at those windows a child's face with a wondrous light upon it." True repentance readies the heart for the cleansing, renewing life of Jesus.

HAVING COMPASSION

What does it mean to have "compassion"? It means, in part, thinking of our denominational response to human need and suffering. On Health and Welfare Sunday it especially means thinking of the ninety-nine service agencies associated with the Council of Health and Welfare Services of the United Church of Christ: 61 serving the aged, 12 serving children and youth, 6 serving the developmentally disabled, 11 hospitals, and 9 community centers. For a listing of these services, see the current U.C.C. *Year Book*. These agencies serve nearly 300,000 persons—plus more than 500,000 outpatients—each year.

Support for these agencies comes from many sources: from fees paid by individuals receiving care, from insurance these individuals may carry, from various governmental funds, from interested individuals in the wider community, and from the churches.

Nearly $3 million annually is given to these agencies by church members, church groups, and congregations, beyond what they contribute to the support of Our Christian World Mission. While this seems a large sum, it amounts to only about 1% of the total needed for their operation. Yet this is an important percent, for it symbolizes the church's compassion, translated into practical, everyday terms. Beyond the money, there are countless hours of voluntary service rendered by church members to and through these agencies.

Call it what you will—a sense of Christian mission, a dedication beyond the call of duty, regard for the rights and dignity of persons being served—there is "something extra" in the compassionate care rendered in your behalf and in Christ's name by these agencies.

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December 12, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Good Christian Men, Rejoice Bach
(Jane Danieley, Guest Organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Lighting the Advent Candles

UNISON READING (Psalm 98)

O Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to rule the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with equity. O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

LAUD WE THE NAME Bach

THE CREATION
Readings
Lo, How A Rose Praetorius

THE PROPHECY
Readings
O, Magnum Mysterium Poulenc

THE ANNUNCIATION
Readings and Tablaeux
Hymn To The Virgin Britten

THE BIRTH OF THE CHRISTCHILD
Readings and Tablaeux
For Us To Earth He Cometh — Bach
(Tim Price, Baritone)
Readings and Tablaeux
* Hymn 141 "The First Noel" St. 1,2)
Noel, Noel — Youth Choirs
Readings
Drummer Boy — Youth Choirs
Sing Gloria — K. K. Davis
ADORATION OF THE CHRISTCHILD
Readings and Tablaeux
Offering At Night A Celestial Music — Nevins
Christ Is Born — M. Ohlson
Benediction
Glory To God In The Highest — D. Peter

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy in loving memory of Janet Loy Faulkner.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Music Committee

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Women's Fellowship is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. Please bring the gifts for Christmas Cheer families.

THE NEW FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning from 10 to 12 in the Parish House. It's a Christmas Party.

THIS WEEK'S Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will be held on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Since last week's session was canceled, these sessions will be led by Dr. Snyder and Dr. Fields on "Prayer in Private Devotions" and "Prayer Answered".

OTHER Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.. You are invited to sign the Christmas card in the narthex.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 12, 1976

Luke 3:10-18

Asked, "What do you really expect of life?" we may reply, "Very little!" We may look down the corridor of future time with apathy—a few years of existence, a handful of pleasures, some compromises of principle, an achievement or two—then oblivion. But Jesus invites us to be expectant. Life is not swallowed up in death, says Jesus. God's gift is eternal life. The hope for personal decency and public integrity roots in the promise of God's reign. The active expectation of Jesus gets us ready for the fulfillment of life that Jesus brings with his advent.

INHERIT THE PROMISES!

When the early Christians were being persecuted in the first century, the author of the *Letter to the Hebrews* spoke a word of hope and ecouragement to those who were tempted to falter under stress and hardship. "Be imitators" he said, "of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (*Hebrews* 6:12). This same word comes to us today. To those who through careers of faithful ministry to the church gave loving, often sacrificial, service, but who in retirement find times of stress and even hardship, it says: Hold steady to your hope; faith and patience are needed if you would inherit the promises of God. And to the rest of us within the fellowship, pointing to the example of the faithful in every age—particularly to those among us who are retired—it says: Be imitators of those who inherit the promises.

The Christmas Fund, conducted annually by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ, becomes a way in which we can both imitate the faithfulness of those who have gone before and also provide for them a practical expression of affection. The Fund provides a special Christmas check to those retired ministers and their spouses whose needs are such that executives of the U.C.C. conferences have recommended them for this gift. The Christmas Fund also provides year-round help to ministers and their families who encounter emergencies beyond their resources. Finally, the Fund helps to supplement the retirement benefits of those ministers who subsist on only meager annuities. Your gift of love and concern given through the Christmas Fund makes all this possible.

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Sopranos

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Mary Anne Johnston
Peggy Lackey
Louise Piercy
Vicki Price
Sharon Rinker
Edrianna Updyke
Kathy Wobus

Basses

John Barney
Nathan Gminder
Thomas Hamilton
Leslie Johnston
Tim Price
Louis Wilkins

Altos

Winifred Barney
Karen Berry
Melva Foster
Esther Gminder
Jane Hamilton
Joy Hamilton
Arlene Pate
Penny Updyke

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Wesley Alexander
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Paul Cheek
William Ellis
Albert Gminder
Joseph Gminder
Al Primm

OUR FOURTH ANNUAL Moravian Christmas Lovefeast will be held next Sunday evening at 7:30. This will be a candlelight Service including the traditional buns and coffee, bell choir, brass choir, and other special music. Nursery will be provided.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will begin at 7:30 and will include Scripture, Carols, and Meditation.

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BLESSED
ARE YOU
AMONG
WOMEN

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December 19, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE From Heaven Above To Earth I Come Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit On This Day Earth Shall Ring
*HYMN 141 "The First Nowell"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting)
God, our Father, we rejoice in the fulfillment of your promise to dwell with us. Our thoughts turn to Bethlehem and to the manger child who is our Redeemer. With the company of the Nativity we would worship in love and awe. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Micah 5:2-4
New Testament Luke 1:30-33, 39-47
* The Gloria Patri

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

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CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candles
* Hymn 130 "Joy To The World"

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Pastoral Symphony-"The Messiah" Handel
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON How Shall We Know The Child?

*HYMN 140 "What Child Is This"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response In Dulci Jubilo

* indicates when the congregation stands

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TODAY: 3:00 Junior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Christmas Lovefeast Service

OUR FOURTH ANNUAL Moravian Christmas Lovefeast is this evening. The brass choir will begin at 7:00 and the Service at 7:30. The traditional buns and coffee will be served and the decorated candles will be distributed.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH will be caroling in the community after the Lovefeast this evening.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE Service of Scripture, Carols, and Meditation is Friday evening at 7:30.

POINSETTIAS will be used to decorate the chancel this week. If you can loan us one for the weekend, please bring it by Friday afternoon. The bulletin next Sunday will note the donors of poinsettias. Call the office secretary by Wednesday.

COLLEGE STUDENTS will meet at the parsonage next Sunday evening at 8:00.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 19, 1976

Luke 1:39-47

Luke's lyric story of Elizabeth and Mary tells us much more than about the miracle of birth and the blessings of motherhood. It is an account of two women who, in the unexceptional state of pregnancy, manifest exceptional traits of soul. Elderly Elizabeth, thitherto barren, shows prophetic vision and trusts God throughout a strange drama that catches up her life and that of a Nazarene maiden. Mary responds with faithfulness to God's call that she be the agent of God's salvation and brings into the world a life with explosive power. Blessed are all such women!

WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE AT CHRISTMAS?

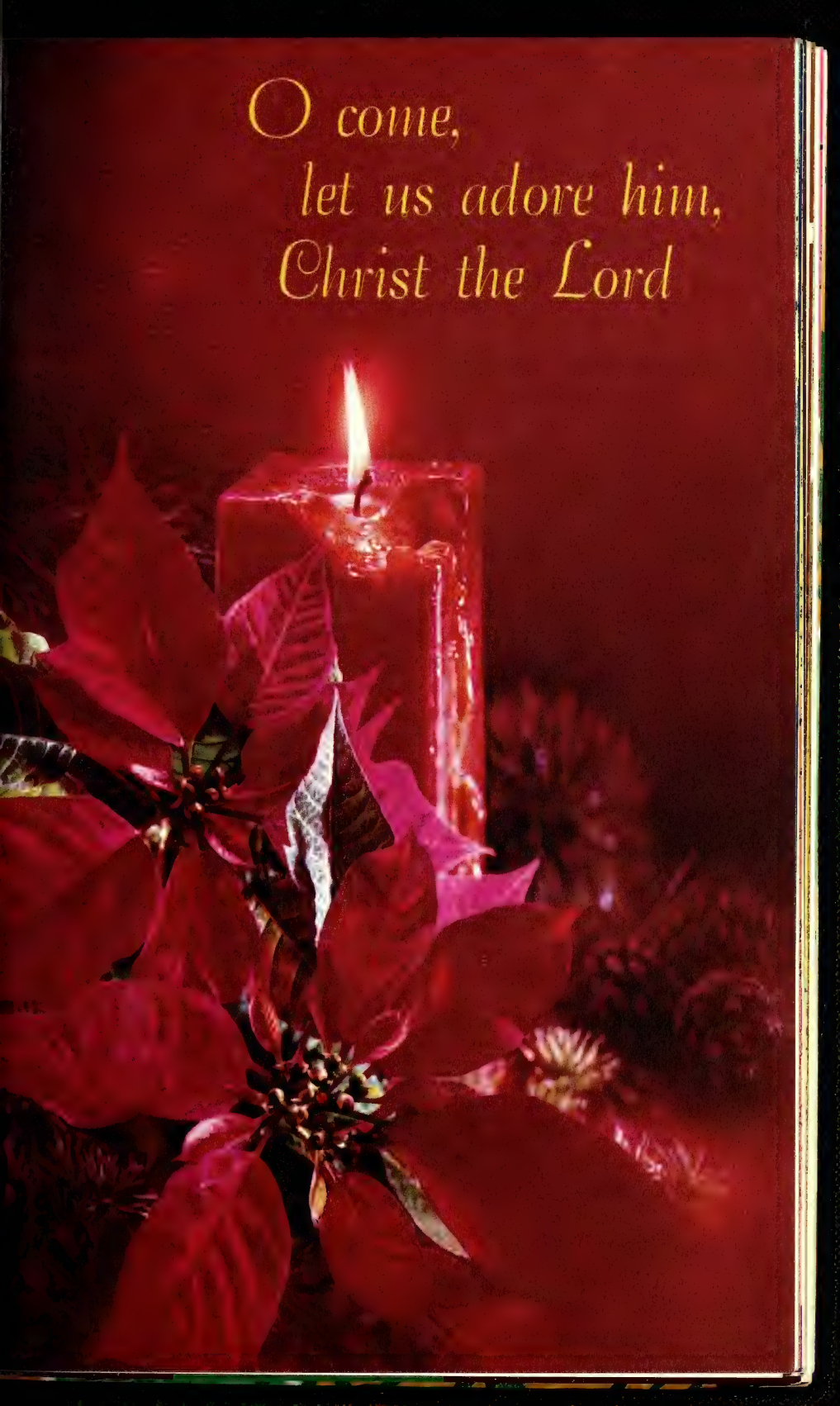
As we entered the seventies, futurists were writing scenarios of hope, believing such scenarios to be useful in creating the future we desired. But by 1972, trends in world population, resources depletion and maldistribution, and environmental pollution were generating doomsday scenarios, envisioning a collapse of civilization by 2100. Amid this secular concern for the future, we Christians were often silent, although hope is central in our faith. That faith remembers God's creation of the world, calling of Israel, and coming of Jesus. Born to answer hope, Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have inspired the hope of a New Advent: "Behold, I am coming soon!" This past and future hope fortifies Christians for life in the Spirit, within the Community of Faith, for Christlike servanthood—*now*.

What then do we celebrate at Christmas? We celebrate God, always there with his people: outside Eden, in Egyptian bondage and Babylonian exile, in a manger at Bethlehem and the catacombs of Rome and the forests of Europe, by the rocky coasts of the New World, in cane fields, rice paddies, barrios, and apartheid compounds. We sing of God, going before us into places where we must go: places dark with evil, gray with pain, or lighted by joy. We rejoice in God who, in this fateful decade, guides our hard choices, mends our brokenness, and frustrates our evil. We confirm our faith that God, on history's Final Day, will roll up time as one raises a window shade at dawn to let in the light of a New Day.

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Secretary for Stewardship Education
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O come,
let us adore him,
Christ the Lord

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
BURLINGTON MORAVIAN FELLOWSHIP FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS LOVEFEAST
December 19, 1976 7:30 p.m.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE
The Brass Ensemble (selected carols)
The Sisters' Bellchor
CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilton
Lighting the Advent Candles and the Christmas Candle
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
* Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
SCRIPTURE READING Mr. Gramley
The Moravian Lovefeast Story
CAROLS "Noel, Noel" Youth Choirs
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
" Angels from the Realms of Glory"
"Long Ago in Bethlehem" Adult Choir
(The buns and coffee are distributed.)
TRADITIONAL MORAVIAN BLESSING (in unison)
"Come, Lord Jesus, Our Guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee"
ANTHEM Come Ye to Bethlehem K. K. Davis

HYMNS "O Savior of our Race"
"Softly The Night is Sleeping"
"Redeemer Come, I Open Wide"
(The coffee mugs are collected.)
CHRISTMAS PRAYER Mr. Hamilton

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Solo The Star Carol A. Burt
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
MEDITATION Mr. Gramley

HYMNS "Morning Star"
(Cris Bragg, Gray Lackey, Charles Wilkins, Soloists)

The congregation sings the words in italics.

"Christ the Lord Now is Born"
(As the fourth stanza begins, the candles are lifted to symbolize Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.)

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response 130 Joy to the World

POSTLUDE Glory to God in the Highest Pergolesi

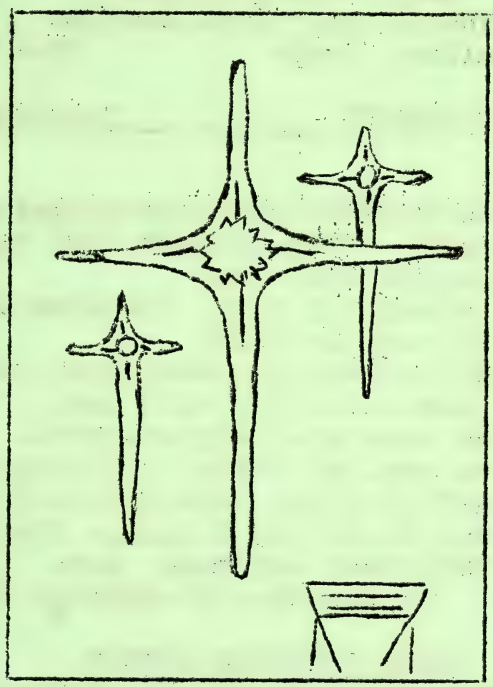
WE ARE PLEASED to welcome all our visitors to this Christmas Lovefeast Service sponsored by the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, The First Moravian Church of Greensboro, and the Elon College Community Church.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the Family.

THE WORSHIP LEADERS include:

J. Earl Danieley and Bill Blanchard, Greeters
Jeff Price and Greg Price, Acolytes
The Rev. Mr. William E. Gramley, Pastor of the First Moravian Church, Greensboro
The Rev. Mr. Thomas R. Hamilton, Host Pastor
The Brass Ensemble from Burlington, under the direction of Mr. Tom Graham
The Sisters' Bellchor from Greensboro, under the direction of Mr. Buck Malcolm
The Dieners of the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, Howard Faust, co-ordinator
The Choir of the Elon College Community Church, Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director and Organist
The String Quartet from Elon College Community Church--Nathan Gminder, Esther Gminder, Joseph Gminder, Chris Long.
The Youth Choirs of Elon College Community Church, Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, Director

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To You is born
This day
IN the city of David
A Savior

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP December 24, 1976

PRELUDE How Brightly Shines the Heavenly Star Bach
Choral Introit "Silent Night, Holy Night"
CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Pastor: Christmas is here. God comes to us.
People: He comes in Christ
Pastor: With strong and tender hand, He comes to touch all of life with hope.
People: He comes with grace and truth.
Prayer: We come, our Father, rejoicing in your gift of a Son. Thank You for this season and all the joy it brings. Thank You for Christ and Christmas. Amen
*CAROL 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED
SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 34:11-16; John 10:7-16

CAROL 146 "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks"(st:1-

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-30; 2:8-9

CAROL 120 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

TO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:10-12

CAROL 122 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:13-20

*CAROL 116 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

ANTHEM Long Ago in Bethlehem Moravian Carol

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Offertory O Holy Night Traditional
MEDITATION A Godly Visit

*CAROLS 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
138 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
*BENEDICTION
* Chime Response

POINSETTIAS are placed in the chancel in memory of:
Mr. J. C. Blake
by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake.

Dr. and Mrs. J.A. Hunter and Richard Hunter
by Dorothy Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

Mrs. J. B. Long
by the Ace High Bridge Club.

Worden J. Updyke, Jr.
by Mr. and Mrs. William Goodway, Penny, Jane, Jay, and Edrianna Updyke.

Gordon L. Whitener and Melvin R. Hamilton
by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hamilton.

And in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Holt, Jr.


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for
revelation

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December 26, 1976 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE In Thee Is Gladness Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: This is how God showed His love for us:
People: He sent His only Son into the world that we might have life through Him.
Pastor: This is what love is:
People: It is not that we have loved God but that He has loved, He does love, and He will love us.
Choir: "In The Bleak Midwinter"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CAROL 120 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS
The Gospel Luke 2:25-32
The Epistle Romans 11:33-12:2
* The Gloria Patri
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM SOLO

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candles
* Hymn 137 "Away In A Manger"
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory The Christ Child Has Come Young
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON How Christmasy Was Your Christmas?

*HYMN 130 "Joy To The World"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Good Christian Men, Rejoice

* indicates when the congregation stands

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Louis Wilkins. Greeters of the Day are L. Hughes and W. B. Terrell.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of the 60th. Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rich by his niece and two nephews, Wilma Price, Odell Price, and Monroe Price, of Goldsboro.

POINSETTIAS are placed in the chancel in memory of:

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Gordon L. Whitener and Melvin R. Hamilton
by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hamilton.

OTHER: College students will meet at the parsonage this evening at 8:00...Articles for "The Torch" are due Tuesday morning...The church office will be closed tomorrow...This week's Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., led by Mrs. Helen Euliss on "Responsibilities of Christian Women Today".

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 26, 1976

Luke 2:25-38

The audacity of First Century Christians is breathtaking! Poverty-stricken, powerless, and persecuted, they heeded their Lord's call to "make disciples of all nations." They spread the news about God's deeds in obscure Jewish towns throughout the Mediterranean world. In Rome, Greece, Asia, and Africa that news broke down "the dividing wall of hostility" built by class, race, nation, and belief. The Christian world mission today is in the spirit of that First Century obedience. God's people work to be "a light for revelation" to all nations.

THE MISSION IN EDUCATION

Truth is never simply a right word, nor what one rightly says. Truth is also always a right deed, what one rightly does. "Love must not be a matter of words or talk; it must be genuine, and show itself in action. This is how we may know that we belong to the realm of truth . . ." (I John 3:18-19, NEB). The Truth which a Christian does is the act of love and mercy for those who suffer. The gospel is a word of good news which binds up wounds, feeds, and brings persons within the solidarity of a caring community.

Our culture's basic attitude is "what and how much can I get for me," and education is conceived in terms of success goals. Opportunity must be made within the educational process where vital questions about values are raised and questions of commitment are confronted. The church in higher education is this place where the crucial questions of doing the truth are raised. Through the ministries of campus pastors on university and college campuses, and through the uniquely Christian orientation of colleges related to the church, the question of truth as that which must be done as well as said remains alive and well in the American scene.

Dr. Esther C. Stine
Associate for Educational Program
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"Where is he who has been
born king of the Jews?

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January 2, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Year of Our Lord Has Come Nevins

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Behold I make all things new, says the Lor
People: What could be better news: a truly new year, a truly new world, a truly new us. All glory and honor to God.
Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

UNISON PRAYER
Almighty God, we would give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the past year. Grant us, we pray, a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all danger, and send us the fullness of your blessing, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

SOLO Blake's Carol Song Vaughan Williams
(Lynne Fogleman, Soprano)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Choral Response Twofold Amen

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Thee We Adore Candlyn
* Congregational Response--We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

MEDITATION What The Wise Men Discovered

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (all uniting)
Remind us, Lord, of the things we mean to do
and the ways we mean to mend.
Renew in us a right spirit
for our work in the world. Amen.
*BENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard A. Hunter by Dorothy H. Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in the Torch.

THIS WEEK'S Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will meet Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., led by Mrs.Helen Euliss on "Responsibilities of Christian Women Today".

THE CHURCH CHOIRS meet Wednesday:
3:15 grades 2-5
4:00 grades 6-8
7:30 Adult Choir

NEXT SUNDAY we will hold our Service of Installation for those elected to an office, a board, or a committee.

ANNUAL REPORTS from each committee, board and organization are due by Friday morning.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, 1977

Matthew 2:1-12

Who is it who was born in Bethlehem? Matthew sees Jesus as "king of the Jews" in David's line. Luke sees Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." John sees Jesus as the cosmic Christ, one with God from the dawn of time. Who is Jesus for us? Like us, Jesus is a human, his feet set firmly in a particular time and place. Yet his teaching and life take root across ages and national bounds. He transcends space and time, brings to our few years the overtones of eternity, and sets life on earth within the perspective of God's unbounded life.

A focus in many of Wallace Stevens' poems is the search for what he calls the "heraldic center of the universe." Each of us has her or his own search for meaning, a "centering" that we all do to find purpose, direction, significance in our lives—in our own perspectives on the universe. This essential human desire—to find unity in diversity—to observe the convergence of powers at work in the world—to center one's own experience—is captured and made sacred in the Christian celebration of Epiphany.

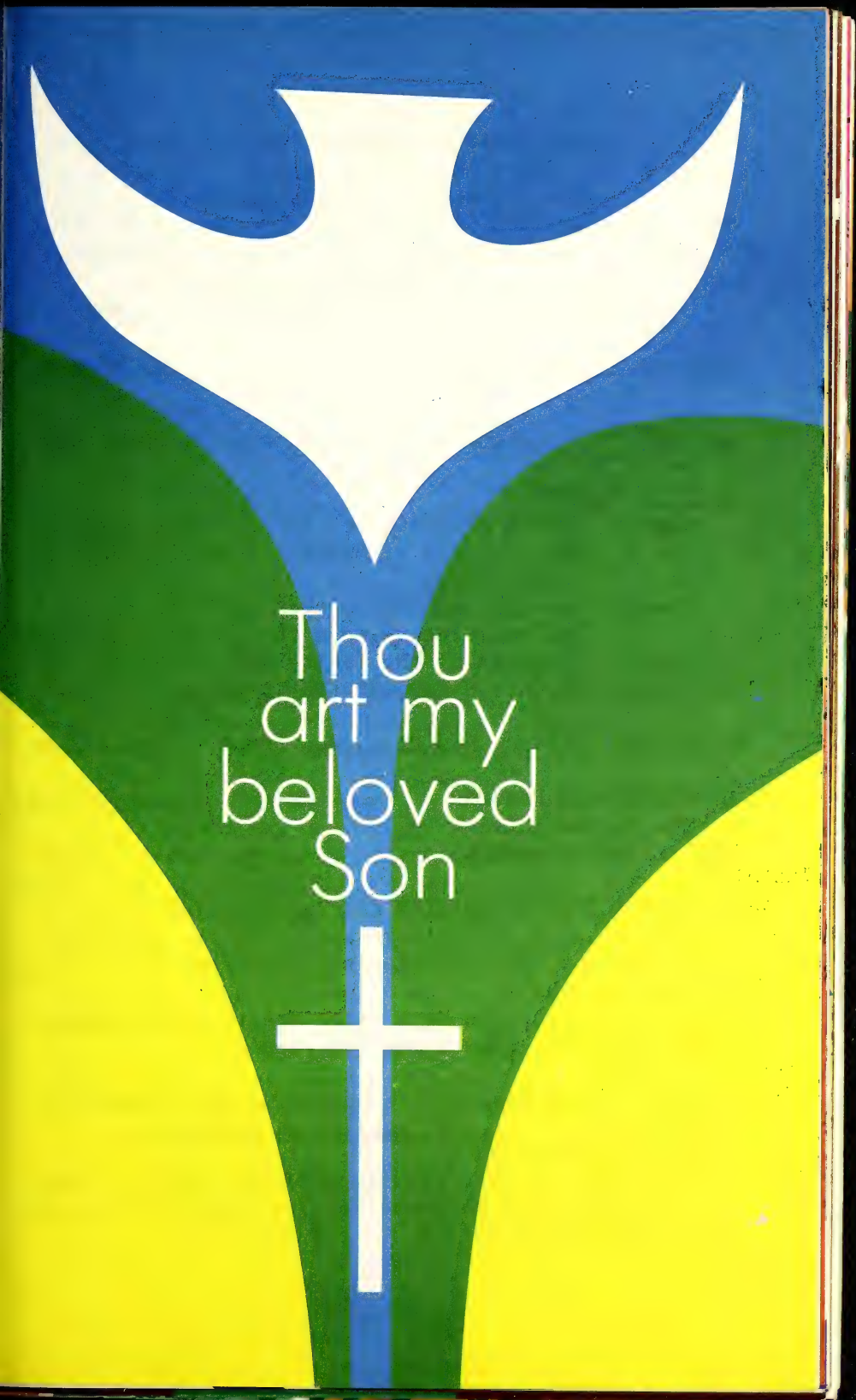
The manifestation of God to the Magi has several "centering" characteristics. First, the story focuses upon the communication to the Gentiles of the birth of Jesus, symbolic of a coming-together of cultures. Second, it depicts a visit of the very rich upon the very poor, a leveling of castes, an up-turning of values. Third, and perhaps most significant, it focuses upon the unity of nature and humanity. The birth of Jesus, a person, is communicated by means of a star, relating human values and experience to the way the world of nature works.

For the Christian, Jesus of Nazareth—his life, ministry, death, and life-giving spirit—*is* the heraldic center of the universe. Jesus *is* the Christ. In a special way we celebrate the Christhood of Jesus on Epiphany.

Richard J. McAfee
Christian Board of Publication
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Thou
art my
beloved
Son

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January 9, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue In F Major Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God's promises are sure. He has come to us in Jesus of Nazareth, sharing our common lot.
People: He has assured us that he is here with us now: let us come to him in confidence.
Choir: "Spirit of the Living God"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad" (ST. 1-3,6)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1-8
* The Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:15-17, 21,22

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
Installation of officers and committee personnel
Ordination and Installation of Deacons
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God Mueller
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
* Hymn 412"O Master Workman Of The Race"(Tune 440)
Sermon Jesus' Baptism As A Prelude
THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory The Blessings Of Our Lord Bach
* Congregational Response-We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 152 "We Would See Jesus"
Benediction
Choral Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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TODAY:
3:00 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Music Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION is for the officers, board-members, and committee-members elected by the congregation to leadership roles. Lois Bost and McSherry Lackey are ordained as Deacons and installed to that office along with Adelia Truitt and Howard Edgerton.

THIS WEEK'S Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., led by Miss Grubb on "Responsibilities of Christian Women Today".

CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN in grades 1-3 will participate in a lab school at Home Moravian Church on Saturday. Cars will leave here at 11:00 and return by 3:30.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...The youth and adult choirs rehearse on Wednesday...The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held January 23 at 7:00 p.m. Reports are due now...A LOINT Workshop on "Use of the Bible in Christian Education" will be held here February 20, from 3 to 5 p.m...Please secure your statement of 1976 financial contributions in the narthex today... The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered next Sunday...

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 9, 1977

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Christians observed Epiphany before they began to celebrate Christmas. Epiphany dates to the first century, A.D. By the fourth century, along with Easter and Pentecost, Epiphany was one of the major festivals of the Eastern Church. Epiphany means "manifestation." In Jesus' birth, baptism, miracles, and transfiguration, Christians see God's self-showing. Many churches neglect Epiphany. But in an age when secularity and doubt obscure the vision of God, we can make Epiphany a celebration of all times when God breaks into our hiding to manifest saving power.

RACIAL JUSTICE

"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice . . ." are ancient words which demand that we turn from the normal expectations for our behavior to a higher calling. But, how can we do justice in a situation where so many powers insist on injustice, especially racial injustice? After all, do we not see black people in the spotlight of variety shows; aren't Asians employed in science or technology; doesn't the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide for the needs of Native Americans?

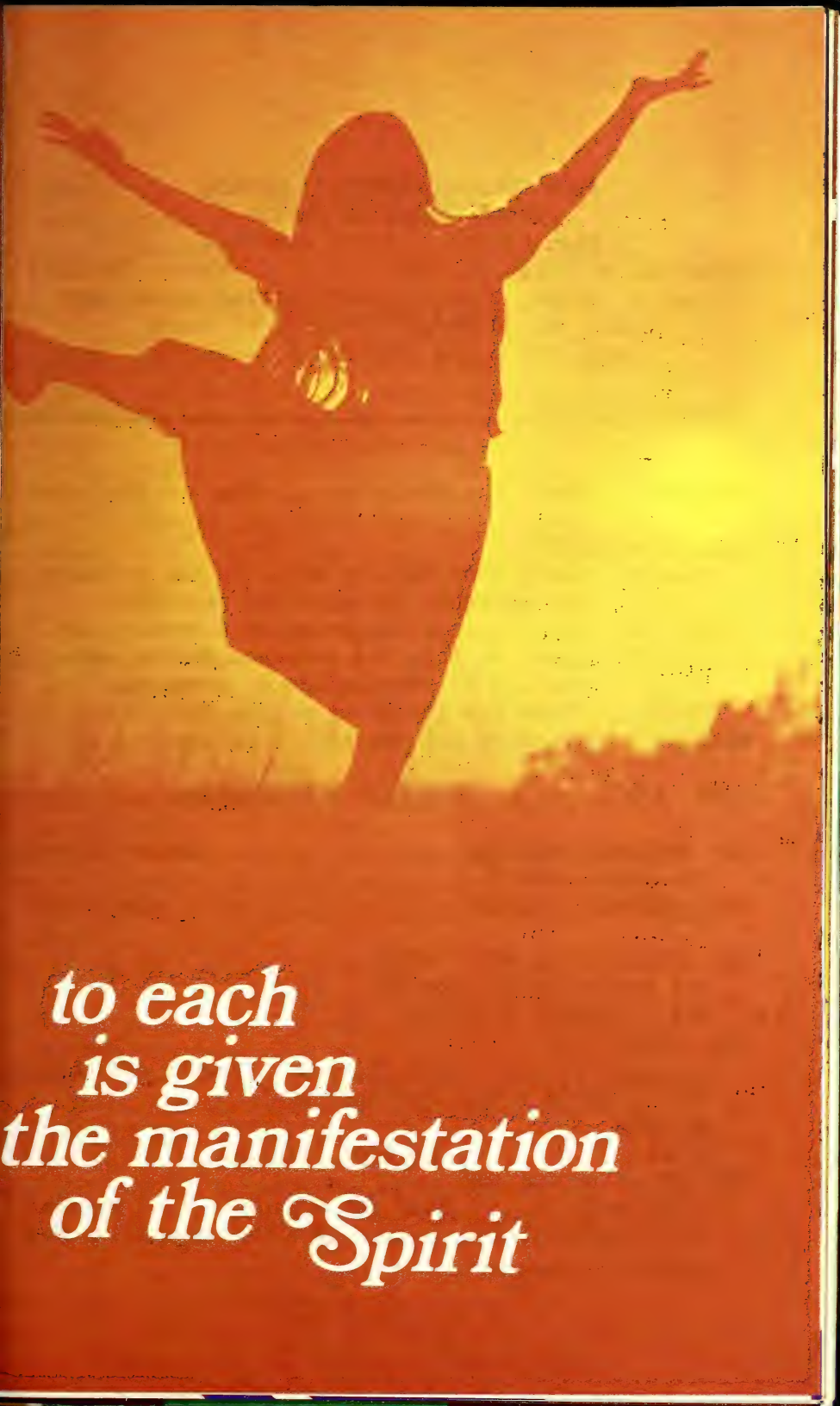
The answer must be yes . . .but! Poverty, unequal educational opportunity, inadequate housing, inadequate diets disproportionately afflict minority communities. The rate of unemployment for minority people is staggering as compared with the rate of unemployment of the general population—and, employment means so much to people who, in any case, have so little.

Justice is not yet a reality for people of many racial and ethnic backgrounds, and we who call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ seem to have forgotten the imperative to do justice—to do justice demands an eternal vigilance against injustice.

Earl K. Larson, Jr.
Program Area on Church and Race
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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Greg Price and Jeff Price, Acolytes

January 16, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Jesus the Father's Only Son Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God's promises are sure. He has promised his presence in trial and rejoicing.
People: His presence was known at a wedding in Cana. We know his presence in our celebration of worship. He is among us.
Choir: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 62:1-5
* The Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 2:1-11

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
The Sacrament of Baptism
* The Statement of Faith
THE SPOKEN WORD
A Choral Litany Love Divine Pastor and Choir
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Sermon He Came Pointing
THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory Aria for Organ Peeters
* Congregational Response-We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 202 "Jesus Shall Reign" (St. 1-3)
Benediction
Choral Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. E. W. Vickers. Greeters of the Day are Adelia Truitt and J. M. McAdams.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. H. H. Cunningham by his family.

TODAY:
3:00 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Music Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons

RECEIVED as new members today are Mr. and Mrs. Danny C. Harvey. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered to their son, Joseph Daniel Harvey, and to Jennifer Michelle Easton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Easton.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Parish House.

THIS WEEK'S Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., led by Miss Grubb on "Responsibilities of Christian Women Today".

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held next Sunday evening at 7:00. The standing Committees will meet at 6:15 for organizational and agenda-setting purposes.

PLEASE, before you leave today, secure your statements of 1976 financial contributions in the narthex.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for January-February are available in the narthex.

USED CLOTHING is being collected in the Parish House for distribution locally or through Church World Service.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 16, 1977

I Corinthians 12:4-11

For two hours, let the members of an orchestra play one note to one beat on identical instruments. The result could be shattering! Variety is music's soul. Without a Brahms or Bartok to draw rhythm and harmony from diverse instruments, an orchestra might produce only discord. Unity, too, is music's soul. Similarly, the church lives by varied skills: tending altar and waiting table, teaching and housekeeping, ministry, managing money, and making melody. All these skills manifest one Spirit and one goal: our common good in the Community of Faith.

M POWER IS FOR YOU!

During 1976 and 1977, the conferences of the United Church of Christ are working in cooperation with our denomination's Stewardship Council in a program known as *M Power*, a program that encompasses a variety of activities determined according to the individual needs of each of the conferences and their congregations for strengthening the church's work at all levels: local, national, and global.

M Power is based on the conviction that the United Church of Christ has a great, unrealized potential for greater nurture of our own members and for increased mission to others. This potential can be released if members and congregations will take with new seriousness our denomination's guidelines for giving:

- Members to give for the total work of the church at least $1 per week for every $1,000 of annual income.
- Congregations to give for Basic Support for Our Christian World Mission an amount equal to at least 25% of current local expenses.

Some members and some congregations of the U.C.C. are meeting or are exceeding these standards. Others have not yet given them serious consideration. It is expected that the *M Power* program will empower the work and ministry of each participating congregation and will result in more money and more persons for more mission in every sphere of the church's life.

You can help to determine the response to the *M Power* challenge, both in terms of your own participation and support and also your own congregation's participation and support. *M Power* is for you!

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January 23, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Quartet in D Hambourg
(Allegro Moderato)

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit "Open Now by Gates of Beauty"
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Gracious God, whose love for all people is revealed in Jesus Christ, grant that we may hear the good news of salvation and, like the disciples of old, respond in obedient faith. In that hope, we offer the prayer Jesus taught his disciples: Our Father, who...

* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 121, page 543
New Testament Luke 4:14-21

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Andantino And Menuetto Hambourg
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 223 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"
Sermon One Side of Our Mutual Ministries

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Our Father Who In Heaven Art Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory To God

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of George Colclough by Mrs. Colclough and her children Mary Sue, Anne, and George.

TODAY
1:30 Junior Hi Ice Skating
3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation
6:15 All committees, boards, and teachers
7:00 Annual meeting

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the Elon String Quartet composed of Esther, Joseph, and Nathan Gminder and Chris Long.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Committee meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the library.

THIS WEEK'S Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., led by Dr. Chris White.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. John Truitt at County and Mrs. Eula Goad at Memorial

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressions of Christian Sympathy to the family upon the death of Mrs. Mary Rumbley and to Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stone of Reidsville.

COPIES of the Annual Reports and Membership Directory are available for distribution this morning. You are asked to read the reports prior to the annual business meeting tonight.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 1977

Luke 4:14-21

As a Christian, you have been baptized, not only into a community of faith, but also for Christ-like work in the world. You have been anointed into Jesus' mission. You are baptized for work with those who need a hand, up and out of the trap set by poverty, ignorance, and disease. You are to aid psychological and political captives in their struggle to be free, to restore sight to the blind in eye and soul, to manifest God's compassion and power to those who live in apathy, fear, and despair. In this manner the Lord's Spirit is to be upon *you!*

STRENGTHENING OUR RESOLVE

The factionalism of the early church in Corinth caused St. Paul to ask, "Is Christ divided?" (*I Corinthians* 1:13). The answer which the apostles expected was obviously, "No." The answer was intended by him to serve as a reason for stamping out the factionalism that divided the members of that church.

We must ask ourselves that same question. We should realize that our answer should be the same. Thus it must appear to us as an imperative, the establishment of full unity among those who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Redeemer and who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God. Our divisions far surpass the factionalism of the Corinthians which appeared scandalous to St. Paul.

The apostle elsewhere reminds us: "There is one body and one Spirit ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all" (*Ephesians* 4:4-6). We know that we Christians do not mirror that unity in our relationships to one another.

The restoration of unity among Christians may not—indeed will not—be an easy task but we must strive to effect it "in season and out of season" (*II Timothy* 4:2), standing open to the promptings of God's grace. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity should serve to strengthen our resolve in carrying on the quest for full unity while strengthening the bonds which already unite us.

John Cardinal Krol
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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A PROPHET TO THE NATIONS

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January 30, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A Minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit "Now Thank We All Our God"
Prayer of Invocation (All Uniting)
Gracious God, keep before us the vision of your Son who, in his boyhood days, worshiped with his family. May that vision inspire us to unite in our worship and witness. In His name we pray, as He taught us: Our Father,who...
* Hymn 3 "God Himself Is With Us"
THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 122, page 543
New Testament Luke 4:16-30
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem God of our Life
Welcome
Children's Sermon Mr. Beheler
* Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
Sermon He Came Preaching
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Shepherd's Pipe Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 383 "Forward Through The Ages"
* Benediction

* Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Chester C. Huey by the family.

TODAY 5:00 Confirmation

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet:
Circles 1 and 2 in the library -- February 7
Circle 3 with Lessie Longest -- February 7
Circle 4 with Gertrude Barney -- February 7
Circle 5 with Mona Atkinson -- February 1

THIS WEEK'S Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., led by Dr. Chris White.

THE ENC ASSOCIATION LOINT LEARNSHOP will be held here next Sunday afternoon(2:30-5:30p.m.) The session will include previews of the new resource "Discovering The Bible with Children", and helps for teachers of youth and adults---Methods of teaching, goals and evaluation techniques. For: Church School Teachers, Superintendents and members of Christian Education Committees.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. John Truitt is a patient at County Hospital and Mrs. Eula Goad at Memorial...

COPIES of the 1976 Annual Reports and Membership Directory are available in the narthex...

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

WELCOME to the Youth Group from Oakland Christian Church of Chuckatuck, Va., who are visiting Elon College and The Elon Home for Children this weekend. Their pastor is the Rev. Bill Everhart.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 30, 1977

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Jeremiah was eighteen when the call came to proclaim God's judgment ("tear down") and hope ("to build"). Nations resent and resist criticism. They demand hope on their own terms. So they often come apart, as did Judah under the hammer-blows of Babylonian armies. Today, God still promises to build up nations that seek justice. God's judgment upon nations that pervert righteousness also stands. And, like young Jeremiah, we are called to act so that every agency of public life will manifest the divine purpose that runs through all human history.

YOU AND YOUR VOCATION

You are a part of God's creation! As a part of his creation you have been given certain talents. These gifts are part of God's call to you.

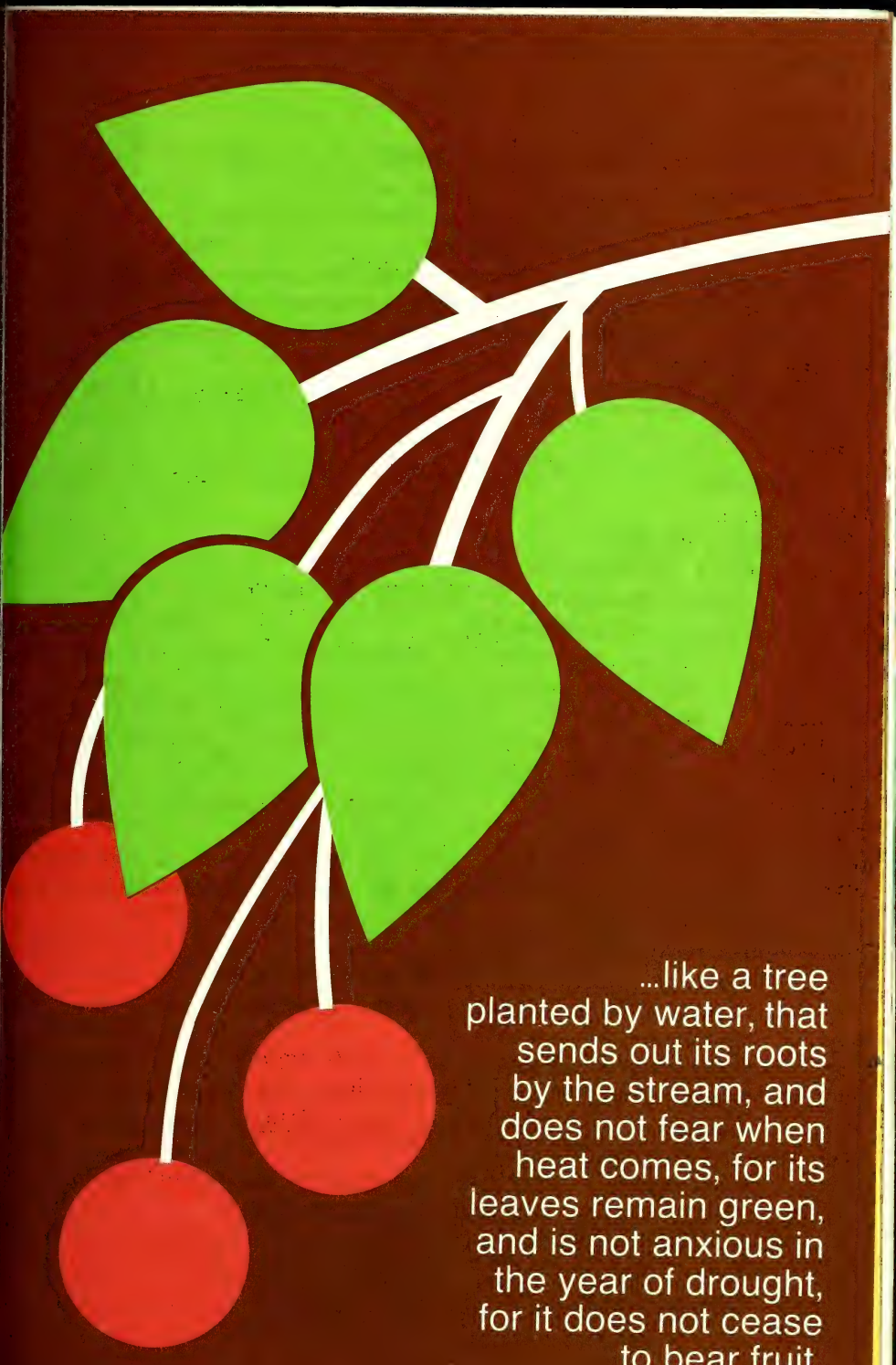
The word "vocation," used in its Christian context, expresses the Biblical sense of "calling." As members of Christ's body, the church, we are called to a life of service in response to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Thus, being a Christian is a full-time vocation, including not only what we do occupationally, but also the commitments, values, and service which characterize the totality of our lives. If we take seriously our true vocation—to respond in faith to Jesus Christ—we will be concerned to make wise choices and decisions, for it is only as the Christian responds in that faith to Jesus Christ that he or she realizes those unique abilities that make choices and decisions possible.

Recognizing one's call, one finds many opportunities to fulfill one's vocation through meaningful occupations, within as well as outside of the institutional church. What talents has God given you? How are you using them? Might your "calling" be particularly helpful to the work and mission of the church?

James L. Mecham
Vocation Agency
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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...like a tree
planted by water, that
sends out its roots
by the stream, and
does not fear when
heat comes, for its
leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in
the year of drought,
for it does not cease
to bear fruit.

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February 13, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Arioso for Organ Handel

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation (All Uniting)
God of the poor in spirit, the meek, the sorrowing: we come before you today. We are ever searching for happiness and forget that it is nowhere to be found save in you. We ask your blessing today. Amen
* Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

THE LIVING WORD
Responsive Reading (Insert) Steve Bland
New Testament Luke 6: 17-26 Louis Wilkins

THE SPOKEN WORK
Recognition of Scouts
Anthem Praise Ye The Lord
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Children's Sermon George Troxler
* Hymn 434 "God Send Us Men"
Sermon That's Not What We Had In Mind

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory We Give to Thee Thine Own Pergolesi
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 489 "I Would Be True"
* Benediction

* Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George Noah in memory of their son, Dr. G. Alvin Noah.

THIS IS SCOUT SUNDAY. We are pleased to have the Cub Scouts of Pack 51 and the Boy Scouts of Troop 55 with us and to have three scout leaders serving as liturgists.

TODAY: 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class

THE FAMILY NIGHT scheduled for this evening has been postponed until May 1 in deference to the Governor's recommendation to curtail energy consumption.

THE FUN CLUB will meet Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the library. This club is open to all.

THIS WEEK'S Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., led by Dr. Chris White.

THE LOINT WORKSHOP for teachers and others is next Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5. Dr. Steve Caddell will lead this session on "Using the Bible in Church School Teaching".

THE YOUTH CHOIRS will rehearse Wednesday, 3:15-4:00 for grades 2-5 and 4:00-4:45 for grades 6-8. The adult choir rehearses at seven o'clock.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

Church School 9:45; Church Worship 11:00

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Reflecting on "The misery of man without God," the philosopher Pascal writes that such persons suffer from restlessness, weariness, and self-love (although one notes that life without God may breed self-hate, while Christian faith creates healthy self-affirmation). In his word-sketch of a tree set by a stream, roots reaching into water, leaves always green, branches everbearing, even in drought years, the prophet Jeremiah suggests that when we root our existence in God, then God manifests in us serenity, strength, and steady fruitfulness.

THE LANGUAGE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

The language of human relationships:

is verbal language—
which is careful of the dignity of every person.

is action language—
which uses our talents and know-how to make life better for others.

is money language—
which can help open doors otherwise locked.

The parts of speech of the language of human relationships:

As a NOUN—love is the fulfillment of the commandment given to us by our Lord.

As a PRONOUN—persons standing in for God's wish that people live together in harmony.

As a PREPOSITION—a bridge across the space which separates persons from persons.

As a CONJUNCTION—joins together people who have a variety of backgrounds and experiences for their mutual understanding and enrichment.

As a VERB—requires action. Passive acceptance of inequities and injustices is not the way of the Christian.

As an EXCLAMATION—no stronger feeling of joy than that which comes from helping to lift another's burden.

The language of human relationships means that human relationships are ways of worshipping God. People who cannot love their sisters and brothers cannot love God. Whatever we bring to the altar of God is unacceptable while there is a sister or brother outside, waiting for us to care.

Mrs. C. Frank Mann, Jr.
Edenside Christian Church
Louisville, Kentucky

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THE SCOUT OATH RESPONSIVE READING

eader: With faithfulness and love the Lord leads all who keep his covenant and obey his commands. (Ps. 25:10)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

eader: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord; happy are the people he has chosen for his own! (Ps.33:12)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law - and the law is this: a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

eader: Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." (Matt. 22:37-39)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to help other people at all times.

eader: Surely you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you! For God's temple is holy, and you yourselves are his temple. (I Cor. 3:16,17)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to keep myself physically strong.

eader: Being wise is better than being strong; yes, knowledge is more important than strength. (Prov. 24:5)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

eader: How can a young man keep his life pure? By obeying your commands. (Ps. 119:9)
eople: On my honor I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.


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February 20, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thy Kingdom Is On Earth Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Prayer of Invocation (All Uniting)
God of glory and might and power: you made yourself known through Jesus Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration. Peter and James and John saw and believed, never to be the same again. May our worship be so memorable. Amen.

* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Luke 9: 23-43
Epistle II Corinthians 4: 3-6

THE SPOKEN WORK
The Statement of Faith
Anthem That They All May Be One Mueller
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 479 "Father, We Thank Thee"
Sermon It Happened On A Mountain

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Joyous Gifts of Love Nevins
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yarbrough and Mr. J. B. Long, Jr. in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long, Sr.

TODAY:
3:00 LOINT workshop
5:00 Confirmation class
7:00 Music Committee

THE LOINT WORKSHOP this afternoon will offer assistance in "Using the Bible in Church School Teaching". Steve Caddell will be the workshop leader. All teachers are encouraged to attend.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Library.

THE LENTEN STUDIES, to be held on the Wednesdays of Lent, begin this week. We will meet in the Updyke Choral Center. Come about 12 noon. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided. The program will begin about 12:25 and we will adjourn by 1:05

THE BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET of Cub Pack 51 will be held Thursday evening in the Parish House.

HOSPITALIZED: Ruth Hurst at County.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS for March and April are available in the narthex.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 20, 1977

Luke 9:28-36

The dazzling light that whitened Jesus' clothes and transformed his face is not the major feature of the transfiguration. God's activity was manifest in many happenings surrounding that event: Peter's confession that Jesus is "the Christ of God," Jesus' readiness to go to Jerusalem where death waited for him, his example and teaching about the divine intention for human life. Jesus' transfiguration confirmed these revelations and made authentic his proclamation that the way to a life marked with wholeness and joy lies in giving life to others.

A HUNDRED AND FIVE KIDS ON A BUS

Now in its fourth year, a unique preschool program in rural Maine called "Us in a Bus" is delivering educational opportunities to 105 rural Washington County youngsters. This is the only comprehensive preschool program offered by a public school system in the state, and it is showing how services can be delivered cheaply and efficiently to a rural population. Funded primarily through a Title III grant, "Us in a Bus" brings its gaily painted environment, complete with Dr. Seuss pictures and colorful nursery-school equipment, to five locations in the economically depressed area for a half-day at a time.

The program brings together not only preschool children but also their parents. The idea of using a bus was pioneered in rural Tennessee and adapted by Jane Weil, now Early Childhood Specialist at the Washington County Counseling Center. Parents have helped to make "Us in a Bus" a success. They have made toys and games and raised money with food sales and other activities to purchase what they could not make. A special tote-bag program enables children to borrow an educational toy and a book to use at home during the week.

What makes "Us in a Bus" important to us in the United Church of Christ is, first of all, the participation of John and Judy Mingus. John, a U.C.C. pastor, is co-ordinator of Down East Ministries of the Maine Seacoast Mission, which undertakes a wide variety of ministries to the people of the coastal area. "Us in a Bus" was one which John and Judy helped to initiate with the people of their community, Cherryfield, and of the surrounding area. Preschool care is still a luxury in rural Maine, as it is in many other parts of the country. By helping to initiate this program the church is empowering its members to unique and creative ministries in their own communities.

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February 27, 1977 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Royal Banners Forward Go Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregation)
Our Father, we may not have committed gross sins, but we have not been honest about little things. We continually disappoint you, and ourselves, and are ashamed that we have not reflected the light and life we have seen in the face of Jesus. Forgive us, for his sake. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon (The Pastor)
* Hymn 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

THE LIVING WORD
History of the Passion Part 1
John 18:12-14

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Andante for Organ Bach
* Hymn 404 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (Stanza 1)
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem I Waited For The Lord Mendelssohn
(Mary Ann Johnston, Soprano)
(Maureen Gminder, Soprano)
Welcome
Children's Sermon

* Hymn 225 "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"

Sermon Who's On Trial Here?

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory To God In The Highest

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TODAY	5:00	Confirmation Class
	6:30	Senior Hi Youth
	7:00	Worship Committee
	7:00	Community Service Committee

WE ARE PLEASED to have the children and houseparents of Montgomery Cottage with us today. They are: John Beck, Sharon Brown, Brynda Henderson, Charla Ireland, Carol Knight, Robert Knight, Brenda McMasters, Linda McMasters, Tommy McMasters, Thomas White, Vincent White, and Hank Woods. Ron and Carol are houseparents.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY this week is on "Bondage/Freedom" and will be led by the Pastor. Bring your sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Service, sponsored by church women united, will be held Friday at 10:30 at St. Mark's church.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. and Mrs Charles Terrell upon the birth of Robert Bedford Terrell on February 24, 1977.

ARTICLES for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT **February 27, 1977**

Luke 4:1-13

The angelsong of Bethlehem, training at Nazareth, and exaltation beside the Jordan now behind him, Jesus entered the wilderness to be tested "forty days"—as throughout his life. He must win what he had inherited from God, face the evil he would subdue, test the virtue that, by God's grace, he was to loose into human life. Goethe urged, "What you have inherited from the past, that earn in order to possess. He alone deserves freedom, life as well, who daily conquers these anew." Forty days, forty years, and more, we must win anew the faith we inherit.

KEEPING LENT TODAY

Each spring, during my childhood, we had to take a "course" of quinine, calomel, and castor oil to "tone up the system" and thin the blood for summer. It was a little like tuning the engine and flushing the radiator of your car. Happily, medicine has changed since then.

Lent has changed with the years, too. Beginning as a forty-hour fast to mark the Crucifixion and Resurrection, later, a time to train converts for baptism at Easter, Lent evolved, through a growing number of weeks of fasting and penitence, into our present season.

How shall we keep Lent today?

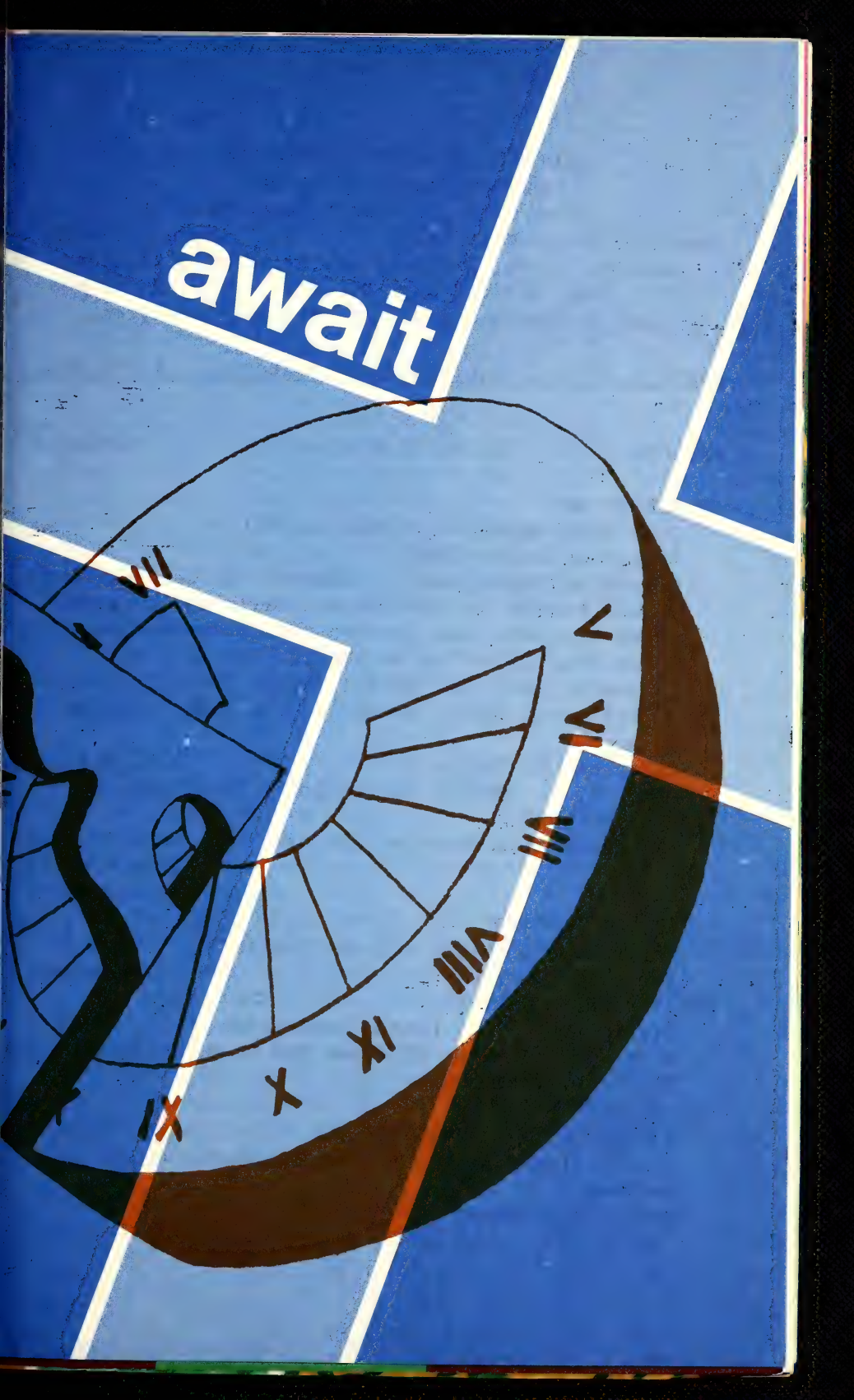
- We can eat less and less expensively, thus creating a sum of money to be given through Christian agencies for relief from famine and disaster and for work at their root causes.
- We can join a hunger task force in our own church, get facts on food production and distribution, and advocate our views to appropriate officials of our government and in the United Nations.
- Alone, or in a group, we can read a book of the Bible like *Psalms, Mark, Acts,* or *Ephesians,* using such guides as those by William Barclay or in the *Layman's Bible Commentary* series.
- To deepen and enrich our inward life, we can study a devotional classic like Simone Weil's *Waiting for God,* Francois Fenelon's *Christian Perfection,* or E. Stanley Jones' *How to Pray.*

It's work, but more pleasant than taking calomel and castor oil!

George S. Siudy, Jr.
Secretary for Stewardship Education
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United Church of Christ

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March 6, 1977 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Suite in D Minor Froberger

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregation)
Our Father, we confess our failures in faith. We have not been firm in conviction nor have we trusted you as we should. We have not sought your will in all things. Forgive our faltering faith, we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon (The Pastor)
* Hymn 15 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

THE LIVING WORD
History of the Passion, Part 2 Mark 14:1-25
John 13:2-17
John 7:40-52

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Lenten Meditation Young
* Hymn 404 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (Stanza 1)
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Jubilate Deo Sowerby
(Donna Holmes, Guest Director)
Welcome
Children's Sermon

Hymn 230 "Immortal Love, Forever Full"
Sermon Attorney For The Defense

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"
Benediction
Choral Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wall in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Turnage and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wall.

TODAY

5:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Women's Executive Board
7:30 Board of Deacons

WE ARE PLEASED to have with us today the children and houseparents of Rudd Cottage. They are: Juanita and Mary Belle Adams, Patricia Brown, Tim Carroll, Bill, Jeff, and Melvin Harris, Dennis Holmes, Dawn Houston, Dale Melton, George Pulliam, Jamie Shaver and Tom and Audrey Williams.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY this week is on "A Mediator", and will be led by the Pastor. Bring your sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

JUNIOR HI YOUTH meet at the church on Saturday at 2:30 to go bowling.

OTHER: The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Irma F. Boland on March 2. Memorial Services were held here yesterday...Susan Barbee is a patient at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 1977

Philippians 3:17-4:1

There is a "not yet" quality in human life. People who lack a sense of it experience pain (hurts, borne and afflicted), frustration (hopes deferred, making the soul sick), and evil (corruption in houses of government, the marketplace, and human hearts) and say: "But that is life. Always it will be that way." Christians experience the same ills. But they believe that life is not yet what God intends it to be. They work to reduce pain, despair, and sin, and patiently wait while working. They await God's sure salvation, and faithfully work while waiting.

THE "FLAVOR OF PEPPERMINT"

"Peppermint" is a candy which becomes smaller and smaller as its flavor dissolves in the mouth. But in Southern California, Peppermint Ridge is a health and welfare facility for the developmentally disabled which started small and each year has grown larger as the warmth and love which first encircled a single child expanded to touch now the lives of more than sixty residents—children, young people, and adults.

Peppermint Ridge, founded in 1959, is related to the United Church of Christ Council of Health and Welfare Agencies. Together with similar agencies, Peppermint Ridge, with the assistance of the Council and of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries,is currently examining the need for "normalizing" the care of its residents.

Normalization means paying greater attention to each individual's need for self-awareness and self-worth as a living, loving human being. It means affirming each individual's right to an adequate, supportive lifestyle in which learning can take place to the extent of the individual's potential. It means making available every opportunity to live a normal life, to enjoy liberty, and to pursue happiness. Normalizing means laying greater stress on the individual and less on the institution.

The "flavor" of Peppermint Ridge is surely pleasing—in California and elsewhere across the country where our church-related agencies seek the greater well-being of developmentally disabled persons.

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Mark Ellis and Barbie Elzey, Acolytes

March 13, 1977 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in D Major Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregation)
Our Father, we confess our constant need of your forgiving presence. Without your help we are helpless; without your strength we are powerless. Restore us, we pray, to newness of life in Christ Amen.
Assurance of Pardon (The Pastor)
* Hymn 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

THE LIVING WORD
History of the Passion, Part 3 John 13:31-14:10
Matthew 26:36-56
Romans 8:32

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Lord, To Thy Cross We Come Willan
* Hymn 404 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (Stanza 1)
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Lord For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake Farrant
Welcome
Moment of Concern Lorene Lyon
* Hymn 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"
Sermon Call The Witnesses

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 374 "In The Hour Of Trial"

Benediction

Choral Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Richardson in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Snow.

TODAY:

5:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee
7:00 Outreach Committee
7:30 Stewardship and Miss. Ed.Committee

WE ARE PLEASED to have with us today the children and houseparents of Harden Cottage. They are: Jeannette Carnell, James, Michael, Pam, and Sherry Day, Lisa Duclos, Amy and Trudy Goude, Michael Hiatt, Jeff Long, Teresa Mims, Tony Presgrave, Penny White and Dick and Donna Shaffer.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. with program to be presented by Gladys Hughes.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY this week is on "A Witness". Bring your sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

OTHER:Susan Barbee is a patient at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem and Ruth Hurst at County,Burlington... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... Covered dish Family Night on OGHS will be next Sunday evening at 6:00.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT **March 13, 1977**

Luke 13:1-9

Below Jerusalem's south wall sat the valley of Hinnom. There, ancient pagans had slaughtered human sacrifices to their gods. Jesus knew it as Gehenna, a garbage dump whose burning refuse raised a pall of smoke by day and cast a red glow into the sky at night. For Jesus, Gehenna was a metaphor for Hell, a place where barren souls may end in discard. "Don't let that happen to you," he pled. "Repent. Turn from a life that will not respond to God's love and others' need to one which bears love's fruit: faith, compassion, and service. Bear these and eternally live!"

AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE

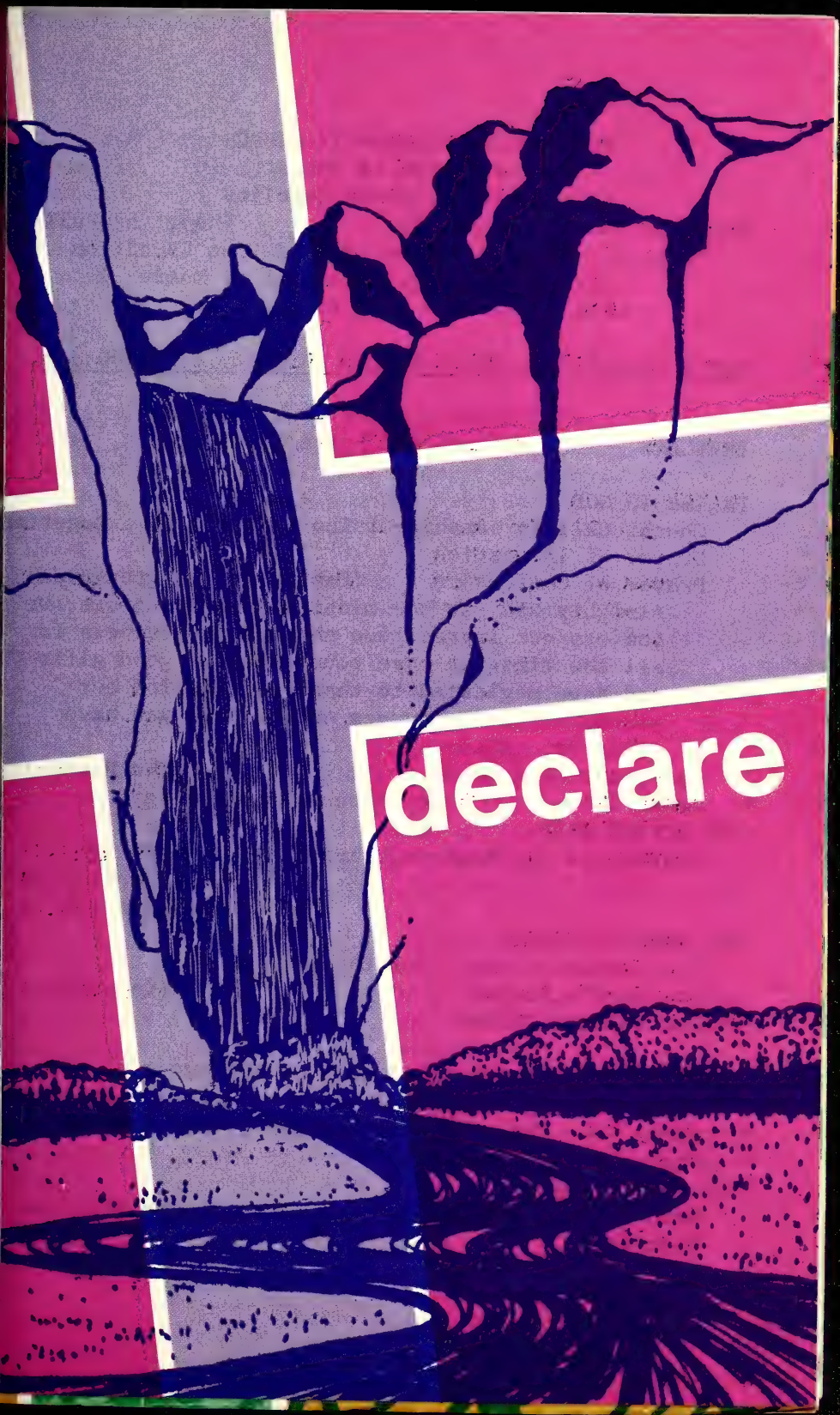
An earthquake in South America, famine in Africa, a tidal wave in the Pacific, a flood in the United States. It matters not where the disaster strikes or when. Relief agencies—including those related to the church—are ready to respond where needed at a moment's notice.

Church World Service is the primary agency through which we in the United Church of Christ channel our emergency relief efforts. A network of CWS field staff and missionaries of cooperating denominations are on the scene of any disaster, usually within hours, to assess the damage and to work with local Christian leaders and with government officials in planning the church's part in a strategy of response.

Tents, blankets, medical supplies, and tools can be on their way from CWS warehouses to the disaster scene often on a same-day basis. Funds for purchase of food and other relief supplies are available even sooner.

The Service Division of the United Church Board for World Ministries, whose work is largely supported by the annual One Great Hour of Sharing, provides initial, immediate response to disasters as they occur. The Division depends upon the regular outpouring of concern and contributions of members of the United Church of Christ to replace and augment the funds which are thus expended. In addition to disaster relief, long-term development projects, many of them in areas where disasters had occurred earlier, are a primary function of this Division and are completely dependent upon the One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering. Please give generously to OGHS!

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March 27, 1977 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude And Fugue In A Minor

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Call To Worship-Of The Father's Love Begotten
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregation)
Almighty God, in the midst of our gratitude, we confess our ingratitude and ask forgiveness for all the times we have received your good gifts and have neglected to thank you and for our misuse of the resources and talents you have given us. Amen
Assurance of Pardon (The Pastor)
* Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

THE LIVING WORD
History of the Passion, Part 5 Mark 15:1-14
Luke 23:4-11
II Corinthians 1:9,10

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

A LITANY FOR THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-W.B. Terrel
Offertory Adoramus Te Willan
* Hymn 404 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (Stanza 1)
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem O Taste And See Vaughn Williams
Welcome

Children's Sermon
Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak"
Sermon We Find Him Guilty
)ING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"
Benediction
Choral Response The Doxology

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)DAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Board of Trustees
7:00 Community Service Committee
7:30 Outreach Committee

'FERING ENVELOPES for the One Great Hour of Sharing are available in the narthex. The litany of dedication of this offering is led by Bill Terrell.

E WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY this week is on "Guilty of Death". Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

E YOUTH CHOIRS will rehearse together this week on Wednesday at 3:15.

EASTER EGG HUNT for nursery and kindergarten children will be held in the church yard on Saturday at 10:30.

SPITALIZED: Rev. Guy Veazey at Memorial.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

ORIENTATION CLASS for new members began this morning. Others are invited to join us next Sunday at 9:45 in the church library.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 1977

Isaiah 43:16-21

A wide and desolate desert stood between Jews, exiled in Babylon, and their native land. To God's prophet came a vision of hope. In the wilderness he saw flowing streams. Its wild animals had become a Peaceable Kingdom. Across the rocky hills ran a smooth road, beckoning home. Exile was over. A new Exodus lay at hand. God was re-creating Israel "that they might declare my praise." We have inherited that joyous task. For people to whom the world feels like a wasteland, we Christians are charged to declare and act out God's rescuing love.

THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PROJECT

On Route 19, in the southwest corner of Georgia, a simple roadside sign reads, "Welcome to New Communities, The Land of Pick-Your-Own." Unless you had some clue about New Communities, you'd probably drive right by. But if you did drive by, you'd be missing a unique and important landmark. New Communities, an enterprise of the Southwest Georgia Project, is a dream become tangible, a very special kind of place.

Southwest Georgia Project, a nonprofit organization, has been serving black people of a thirteen-county area since 1961. It has established day-care centers and a print shop now offering apprenticeship training. Through New Communities, the Project has enabled the people of the area to purchase and use almost 6,000 acres of timberland, swamps, rivers, and farmland good for raising crops, hogs, and cattle. Soybeans, peanuts, corn, grapes, watermelon, and vegetables not only provide food for hungry people, they also provide an economic base for other activities. The land—largest contiguous acreage owned by black people in the United States—and the crops and the herds represent a dream that one day may be a symbol for all poor Americans.

The Southwest Georgia Project still has problems: How to fulfill mortgage obligations on the land? How to build 150 badly needed new homes? How to secure more adequate medical care? But friends, including the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, are helping. When you support Our Christian World Mission you are helping, too. And the Southwest Georgia Project can be a symbol of hope for all of us—that the poor can be helped to become self-sustaining and need not always remain poor if people will care!

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A LITANY FOR THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

LEADER: Let us pray:
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord.
PEOPLE: And you give them food in due season.
LEADER: You open wide your hand.
PEOPLE: And satisfy the needs of every living creature.
LEADER: For health-giving food which nourishes us day by day.
PEOPLE: We thank you, Lord.
LEADER: For the return each year of seed time and harvest by which our daily needs are met.
PEOPLE: We thank you, Lord.
LEADER: Even as we give you thanks good Lord, open our eyes to the plight of those for whom hunger is a way of life.
PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER: For the underfed and undernourished.
PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER: For those who are dying of starvation at this very moment.
PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER: Open our ears to hear your voice in their cry.
PEOPLE: Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER: Open our hearts that we may respond in compassion.
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LEADER: Open our hands to share in love that the world's hunger, which is also your hunger, may be satisfied.
PEOPLE: Lord, strengthen this resolve.
LEADER: That those who have known only hunger may be nourished.
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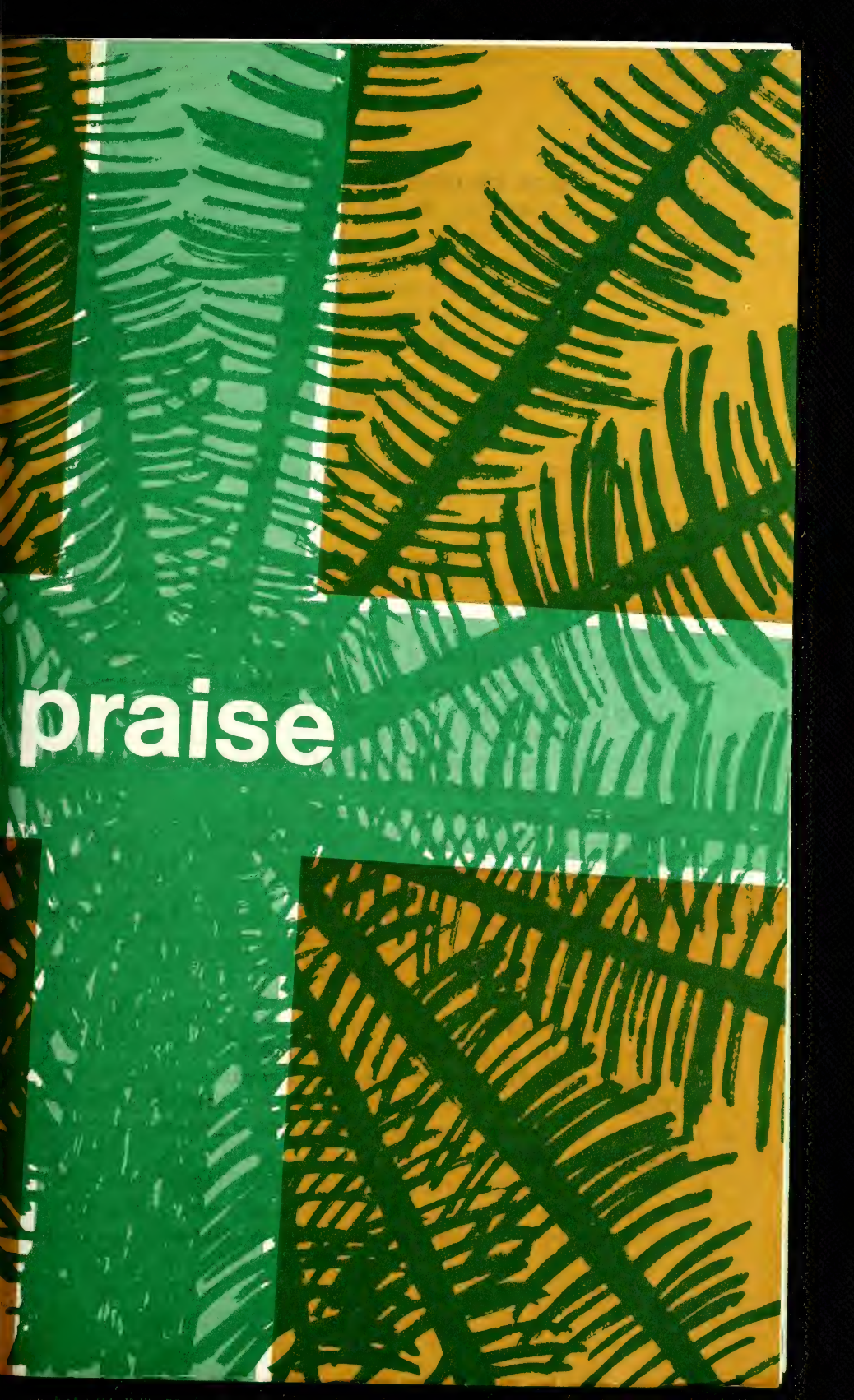
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April 3, 1977 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Royal Banners Forward Go Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP The Minister

*PROCESSIONAL 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*INTROIT
Pastor: The disciples began to rejoice and praise God, proclaiming to all:
People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Pastor: Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
People: Hosanna in the highest!
Choir: "Draw Nigh To Thy Jerusalem, O Lord"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 53:1-6

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:28-42

ANTHEM Praise Rowley

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

ANTHEM Legend Tchaikovsky-Baker
(Mary Anne Johnston, Director)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Christ To Thee Be Glory Nevins

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Let The Punishment Fit The Crime

*HYMN 175 "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response Glory To God In The Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE PALM ARRANGEMENT on the altar is given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family. Following the Service, individual palm branches will be distributed to each worshiper.

TODAY: 6:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet Monday and Tuesday, as announced in the Torch.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY this week is on "Punishment for the Crime". Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated at the altar.

THE ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will meet again next Sunday at 9:45 in the library.

RESERVATIONS are due this week for the GATHERING of the LAITY on April 17 at Elon College.

NEXT SUNDAY the Easter Breakfast will be held at 8:00a.m. in the Parish House. Afterwards, classes will combine for Church School in the Parish House. At the eleven o'clock Service, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

PALM SUNDAY **April 3, 1977**

Luke 19:28-40

To "praise" is to "prize," to set a price, assign value, esteem worth. What we esteem as worthiest inspires worship. "Worship" is "worthship" in shortened form. Praise and worship are twin actions with similar meaning. What inspires our heartiest worship, elicits our loudest praise—praise like that shouted by the crowd the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem? The question underlies our identity. Our praise and worship point to the values that govern the thought, feeling, and action that comprise our whole life. Our highest praise—what merits that? or who?

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

According to medieval legend, the well-known Palm Sunday hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" was written while its author, Theodulph, a 9th century bishop of Orleans, was imprisoned by King Louis I. His faith undaunted by confinement, Theodulph spent his time praising God. One version of the story says that the bishop sang his song one day as the king was passing the jail and won a royal pardon for his glorious hymn.

Whether Theodulph swayed the heart of the earthly king or not, the tradition that the hymn was composed in jail reminds us that Christians must be prepared to demonstrate their faith when trouble comes. Jesus set the example. Our Lord received a hero's welcome to Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday, only to be rejected by the crowd, and imprisoned, and crucified.

Christian faith today can itself be the cause for imprisonment in some countries, and we who enjoy religious liberty too often are unwilling to suffer for the sake of God's undying love. In times of trial as well as times of joy, we can sing with Theodulph:

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!

Reverend Elliott Wright
New York City, New York

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THE ANTHEM

:GEND — Tchaikovsky-Baker

When Christ was but a little lad, a garden bright and fair He had in which some lovely roses grew of thorny stem and reddest hue. Now once upon a summer day some children gaily trooped that way and plucked the roses from the tree. With merry shouts they danced in glee. "Bind up your hair with roses red", this rudely and in scorn they said. But Jesus humbly made reply, "These roses bloom but soon they die". Then roughly on His blessed head the thorny twigs they placed instead. The children looked, but laughed no more, a crown of thorns the Savior wore! Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee from death's dread sting thy servants free! That we may live and sing to thee Alleluia, Alleluia.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

:00 a.m. EASTER BREAKFAST Parish House

lease make ___ Easter Breakfast reservations for me
nd my family.

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(Signed)

A donation will be received to cover expenses.


Jesus loved them to the end.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Maundy Thursday Worship
April 7, 1977

ORGAN PRELUDE
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross — Bunjes
O Sacred Head Now Wounded — Bach
When In Death's Dark Shadows — Reger

A SILENT PRAYER

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

HYMN 158 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

THE BETRAYAL — Matthew 26:20-25

THE DESERTION — Matthew 26:31-35

HYMN 329 "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" (stanza 3)

THE AGONY — Luke 22:39-44

THE VIGIL — Mark 14:32-41

HYMN 178 "Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow"

THE ACCEPTANCE — John 17:1-6

THE PRAYER FOR UNITY — John 17:15-22

HYMN ANTHEM Ah, Holy Jesus — Cruger

THE ARREST — John 18:1-5

THE VIA DOLOROSA — Mark 15:16-20

A CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting)

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess our many sins which we have committed by thought, word, and deed. We do earnestly repent. For the sake of thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life. Amen

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE UPPER ROOM REMEMBRANCE

The words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Communion

(Participants may come forward individually for private communion served at the chancel steps. After communing, please return to a pew for private meditation until all have communed.)

*A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Jesus, you have died that we might live.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You have suffered that we might be forgiven.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You will rise again that we may have eternal life.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: Make us strong in our faith and secure in our hope that we may die to rise again with you.
People: Humbly, we ask you. Amen

BENEDICTION



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April 10, 1977 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE I Know That My Redeemer Liveth Handel
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*INTROIT
Pastor: Mary Magdalene first declared it, "I have seen the Lord".
People: This is the glorious Easter message, Jesus Christ is risen.
Pastor: The world cannot bury Christ. He still lives in the hearts which burn as he walk with them by the way.
Choir: "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er"
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20: 1-9 Dr. Sloan
Acts 10: 34-43
ANTHEM Hymn of Triumph Traver

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING
Offertory Christ, To Thee Be Glory Reger
* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Gloriously the Morning Came

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation
Communion Collect, Hymnal page 495
Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration
The Communion
* Prayer of Thanksgiving, Hymnal page 496
*HYMN 192 "The Day of Resurrection"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response Christ the Lord is Risen

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

WELCOME to all who share our worship on this Easter Sunday and especially to the visitors among us. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the narthex or one of the cards in the pews. Dr. W. W. Sloan is serving as Liturgist of the morning. Our common practice is to observe "Open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zebulon Vance Strader and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Charles McAdams.

OTHER: The Music Committee and choirs will not meet this week...Tripp Bass is a patient at County Hospital...Thanks to those who assisted with and attended the Easter breakfast...Articles for "The Torch" are due Tuesday morning...Senior Hi Youth meet here on Tuesday at 11:00 for a picnic at Cedar Rock.

THE EASTER LILIES are given to the Glory of God
in memory of John and Katherine Leach and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr., by their children;
in memory of their fathers and in honor of their mothers, by Dr. and Mrs. David Bragg;
in memory of their fathers and in honor of their mothers, by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton;
in memory of her mother, Mrs. Ersley S. Foster, by Melva Foster;
in memory of Dr. Ruth L. Sprague by June Grubb.

EASTER **April 10, 1977**

Luke 24:13-35

During the Nazi occupation, the archbishop of Paris observed that to be a faithful witness meant "living in such a way that one's life would be inexplicable if God did not exist." Jesus inspires belief in God by his teaching, the quality of his life, the manner of his death and resurrection, and his persisting power to nourish and shape life today. Jesus can best be explained as God's gift, bestowed to reveal the divine will for human life. Jesus is God's ambassador, the agent of God's loving intent to fulfill our human destiny and hope.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Without the resurrection there would be no church,
No New Testament, no Christian faith, no Easter hymns,
No community of persons who in Christ's name
Reach out with compassion and healing and justice.
To let God's power for new life affect the world.
In fact, we scarcely would have heard of Jesus
Or maybe never even heard of him at all.
Easter is no optional appendix; it is the heart of our faith.

But Christ's resurrection is not an event for us to control,
To seize and dissect and hold in our hands.
It is God's deed of new creation that holds us,
That has shown God's power to bring new life out of death,
Not simply in some far-off future but now in our history.
Christ's resurrection is not the revival of the old;
It is the arrival of God's new age
At work to enter our hearts and lives, our work and world.
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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N THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD'S DAY

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April 17, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Rejoice, Ye Heavens Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: The Lord is in his holy temple:
People: Let all the earth keep silence before him.
Pastor: Come, Let us worship the Lord our Maker:
People: For he is our God and we are his people.
Choir: Christ Is Arisen
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds The Skies" (St. 1-4)

PSALTER READING 107 Psalm 145 P. 537

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20: 19-31

ANTHEM SOLO Be Thou With Me Bach
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
CHILDREN'S SERMON Mrs. Sloan
* Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision" (St. 1,2)
THE OFFERING
Offertory God The Omnipotent Nevins
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Blest Are Those Who Have Not Seen
And Have Believed
*HYMN OF DEDICATION 199 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Glory To God In The Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. D. D. Atkinson. Greeters of the day are J. E. Danieley and Bill Blanchard.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Ledbetter by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Jr. and Family.

TODAY:
4:00 Gathering of The Laity
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Music Committee

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Library.

THE FUN CLUB will be visiting Chinqua-Penn on Wednesday. Cars will leave our parking lot at 10:30 and expect to return by 3:30. There is an admission cost of $1.50 for senior citizens and $2.00 for others.

CHANNEL FOUR will feature the third in the series of "American Families" tomorrow evening at 8:00.

THE ELECTIVE CLASS for youth and adults will meet next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to view the filmed special on "Reform of the Criminal Justice System".

OTHER: Thanks to Bessie Sloan for leading the Children's Sermon today...The choirs resume this week their regular rehearsal schedules...New members will be received next Sunday...The statements of first quarter contributions are available in the narthex...Family Night is scheduled for May 1 in recognition of Christian Family Week. A film strip and several skits will focus on family issues. We hope you can attend.

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

April 17, 1977

Revelation 1:9-13; 17-19

To worship is to ascribe worth to what most we revere: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain." It is to humble oneself before Another: "Come, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker." It is to dance before God, like David, to make sacred melody, like the Psalmist, to give thanks in all seasons, like Paul. As did John, the exiled Elder on Patmos, it is to remember Jesus' resurrection, to remain patient amid trials, and to be "in the spirit on the Lord's day." Through all the events of our life, "Come, let us worship the Lord, our God."

"I DID FINE!"

Nineteen-year-old Seidu painfully labored through the reading aloud of a long list of words. He was the youngest in the class of men learning English in Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa. Seidu is what's called a "small boy" for a local business firm. He sweeps, makes tea, and runs simple errands. His ambition is to become a messenger, but to do that he must be able to read addresses. This night, despite his poor spoken English, he has successfully read the entire list of English words without an error. A rare, shy smile flashed across his face. Missionary Muffie Alling recalls his mumbled, "I did fine!" and the glow in his eyes. And she remembers that the entire class stood and cheered him on.

Muffie Alling and her husband are United Church of Christ missionaries, serving in a wide variety of situations. Their address in Sierra Leone is c/o Catholic Relief Services. The literacy class which she teaches three nights a week is a project of the Urban Center, a joint Anglican and United Methodist enterprise. She also teaches a nursery class in the International School and manages a home and family. Her husband, Guy, is helping to set up a new Christian Health Association to coordinate the health and welfare work of all mission groups in Sierra Leone, an association of which he is the first executive secretary.

Guy and Muffie, believing that Christians everywhere have to stand as examples of the best there is and have to do the little extra that may make the difference in our trouble-bound world, find their reward in Seidu's comment, "I did fine!"

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April 24, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Suite In D Minor Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*UNISON PRAYER
Lord God, keep before us the challenge and excitement of the truth found in Christ. Renew for us the encounter of faith and enable us to respond in joyful obedience. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1-6
* Gloria Patri
THE GOSPEL LESSON Acts 5:12-16

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
THE OFFERING
Anthem Come Jesus, Holy Son Of God Handel
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Sincerely Yours

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
The Vows
* The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism
Laying on of Hands
Reception of Other New Members

Congregation: Friends, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and will give you our support in prayer and service that we all may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses together of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

*HYMN 272 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

*BENEDICTION Glory To God In The Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford in memory of their daughter, Marsha.

TODAY:

2:15 Junior Hi Youth meet here to go to the Camp Show
6:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Community Service Committee

NEW MEMBERS are received today by the Rite of Confirmation. They are: Melanie S. Artley, Demona Leigh Atkinson, Mark W. Ellis, Barbara E. Elzey, Gregory W. Price, Jeffrey P. Price, and R. Christopher Vickers. Other adults received are: Donald and Sandra Dill, Rob and Fran Hannah, Alfred S. Hassell, Leslie, Mary Anne, Lisa, Kim, and Beth Johnston, Tim and Annie Ruth Parker. The congregation is invited to greet the new members at the front of the sanctuary following our Service of Worship.

OTHER: The Retreat for the Outreach Committee will be Saturday morning at 10:30...The Covered Dish Family Night is next Sunday evening at 6:30 in the Parish House...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Congratulations to Kenneth S. Stickles and Minnie W. Turner whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last evening...The Burlington area Churchmen's Fellowship meets Thursday evening at 7:00 at Providence church...The congregation is invited to attend the Spring Worship Service on Thursday evening at 7:30 in Whitley Auditorium.

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

April 24, 1977

Revelation 5:11-14

"Amen," we say or sing, ending a prayer or benediction. "Let it be so." "Amen" means more. The word has the same root as the Hebrew word for "truth" ("truly," "surely"). Israelites used it as the response to a vow, blessing, curse, or petition, pledging readiness to bear the consequences of their "Amen." The Psalmist cried, "Amen and Amen!" to punctuate praise. Jesus' "Amen" was an oath, validating his testimony concerning God's law and love. *The Revelation of John* calls Jesus, God's "Amen," in whom all of God's promises find their eternal "Yes."

CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO

The people of Puerto Rico, now a semi-independent Commonwealth, have a long and a rich history. They have only related to the United States since the Spanish American War and the Treaty of Paris in 1898, but they look back beyond that date to a history of being related to Spain for over 400 years!

Concern for the Puerto Rican people on the part of Protestant churches in the U. S. followed quickly upon the U. S. annexation of Puerto Rico. Today, some 59 congregations in Puerto Rico relate both to the United Church of Christ as our Puerto Rico Conference and to the United Methodist Church. Ryder Memorial Hospital in Humacao and Yuquiyu Conference Center near Luquillo provide evidence of our continuing concern for the health and quality of life of our island neighbors.

Puerto Ricans, especially since World War II, have migrated to our larger cities in the U. S. and to many parts of Florida. They are ministered to by many of the fourteen Spanish-speaking congregations of the United Church of Christ in the U. S. which make up our U.C.C. Hispanic Caucus.

A special project this year, supported by our Neighbors in Need all-church offering last October, will help to provide support for the outreach program of these congregations as they seek to help in providing better health, housing, employment, and day-care services for the Puerto Rican people who dwell in their communities.

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GOD WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES

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May 1, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude for Organ Buxtehude

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O thou ever-living God, who are present when thy people gather together in thy name, unite us with all who worship thee in little groups and in great congregations in all lands, that we may give thee the glory due thy name.
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 110, page 540
New Testament John 10:22-30
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem-Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme-Young
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"
Sermon The Shepherd-King

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Berceuse Jongen
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 79 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"(St.1-4)
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by June Grubb in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. James Grubb.

TODAY: 6:30 Family Night in the Parish House
7:30 Board of Deacons

FAMILY NIGHT this evening will begin with a covered dish supper at 6:30. Focus of the program will be on Family Life Issues led by the Elzey, Price, and Wilkins families. Beverage and tableware will be provided by the Christian Education Committee.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in The Torch.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY will be Friday at noon at the First Reformed UCC. Ticket reservations may be made with Mary Fabian.

HOSPITALIZED: Sarah Primm at Memorial.

CAMPS:Registrations for Day Camp at Moonelon (June 13-17) and Summer Church Camp are now being received. Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office.

AN ELECTIVE CLASS for youth and adults is meeting each Sunday at 9:45 to discuss "Reform of Our Criminal Justice System". You are encouraged to attend.

THE SIX AMERICAN FAMILIES television series this week features the Stephens Family of Villisca, Iowa. Channel four is carrying this series on Monday evenings at eight o'clock.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

May 1, 1977

Revelation 7:9-17

The Bible climaxes with visions that sing and soar. *The Revelation of John* exalts Christ, "the Lamb that was slain," who is worthy of "blessing and honor...forever and ever!" It exults in God's assurance to those who face martyrdom that God will ease their pain, wipe their tears away, and set them on a throne next to Christ. The promises are given to us: guidance through shadowed vales, strength in hours of trial, an end to the weeping that tarries for a night. God pledges us that eternal morning will finally come and mourning will forever go.

THAT SOME MAY LIVE

Hunger stalks the world. Our response in the United Church of Christ takes several forms. Existing channels for helping hungry people are being utilized more fully, and larger goals are being suggested to churches for the One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering to further agricultural development in many needy countries in order to deliver more food to hungry people.

In addition, the Tenth General Synod placed high priorities on the world food crisis and established the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund to which contributions may be given throughout the year. Grants from this fund are used to educate and mobilize people in support of programs which alleviate hunger, support advocacy of public policy changes at local, state, and federal levels, channel additional aid to food-related projects, help prepare theological and ethical studies which will undergird the entire effort and plainly say: God does not intend that some be left hungry while others are well fed.

Despite all that we are able to do, not all of the world's hungry can be fed. Some will die—even this very day! But what we do in response to our denomination's Hunger Action Program will count. It will affect the lives of many. And some hungry people will live just because of our gifts and because of our concern. How many is up to us!

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you are my disciples,
if you have love
for one another

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May 8, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To God Be The Glory Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy. Amen.
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 113, page 540
New Testament I Corinthians 13

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Master, No Offering Costly or Sweet
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Meditation-Challenges of Family Renewal-Mr. Stogn

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory To Thy Throne We Come Nevin
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 344 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

* Benediction

* Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Gilliam, Sr. by their children.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Mr. Robert Stogner, Director of Family and Community Service at the Elon Home for Children.

TODAY:

6:00 Senior Hi Youth

7:00 Music Committee

THE YOUTH CHOIRS will hold their last rehearsal for spring on Wednesday at 3:15. They will be holding a picnic at the home of Mrs. Johnston on Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. The adult choir is having a covered dish supper on Wednesday at 6:00, with rehearsal to follow.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THE SIX AMERICAN FAMILIES television series concludes this week with the Burk Family of Dalton, Georgia. Channel four is carrying this series on Monday evenings at eight o'clock.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE **May 8, 1977**

John 13:31-35

True love in a family is a model of love in the Kingdom of God. Such love is spontaneous, more than it is earned. It seeks no reward, but is freely offered. It is not casual. It is not limited to the convenience of the one who gives or seeks it. Such love is bestowed with responsible concern for its effect on the one toward whom it is extended. It is lavish, outlasts all deserving. In the home, it builds sturdy persons. In the Household of God, it marks authentic faith and wins people to be Christ's disciples. "Have love for one another!"

THE FAMILY REUNITED

Living in a family setting, surrounded by the comforts and security of love and understanding, we tend to dismiss the world around us. It is not until we come across a magazine article, a new book, or perhaps a story of a neighbor or relative, that we are reminded of just how much we take for granted, including our own families.

We so easily forget, amidst the hustle and bustle of everyday living, that there is a unique spiritual wealth and beauty embodied in each and every one of our family members. Blessed as we are, we forget that there are others who are living alone without the grace of close loved ones and who must rely on friends and neighbors much like ourselves.

As Christians living in a diverse society, each of us is called upon by our own beliefs to extend our vision, our understanding and concern, and to embrace those who know loneliness and the hurt of death, divorce, or separation.

We pray for health and strength as we go about our earthly work, and in thankfulness to God we extend the love that we ourselves have known to all of God's children.

Ms. Barbara Jones Riley
Family Life and Women's Concerns
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries

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my peace I give to you

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May 15, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Beautiful Savior Bunjes

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Fairest Lord Jesus
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen
* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 130, page 546
New Testament John 15: 1-8
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Send Out Thy Spirit Schuetky
Welcome
Children's Sermon The Miracle of Light
* Hymn 485 "This Is My Father's World"
Sermon Bound Together
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Sanctus And Credo Liszt

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 357 "Strong Son of God"

* Benediction

* Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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TODAY: 5:30 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Church Family Softball

MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. The Christian Education Committee meets in the library.

TUESDAY: 10:00 a.m. The Fun Club meets in the library.

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 a.m. Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement. While we encourage our members to accept the invitation to attend, we also will continue with our usual church school-church worship schedule as we have done the past several years.

OTHER: The Pastor will be attending the Annual Ministers' Conference Monday through Wednesday. In any emergency or need , he may be reached by calling the church office...Please provide the names of graduates or others receiving special honors during the commencement season. Our High School Graduates will be honored here on May 29.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

May 15, 1977

John 14:23-29

To take leave of each other we say, "Well, I've got to get going." Christ's goodbye to his disciples was more gracious: "My peace I leave with you." What is Christ's peace? It is not easy or cheap. Christ's love asks an answer: "Those who love me, will keep my word." It is not a forgetful somnolence. God sends the Holy Spirit to awaken our memory of Christ's law and love. Jesus offers no self-serving repose that encourages us to idle life away. He calls to the twelve and to us, "Up, let us go forward!" into a life that is active in self-giving love.

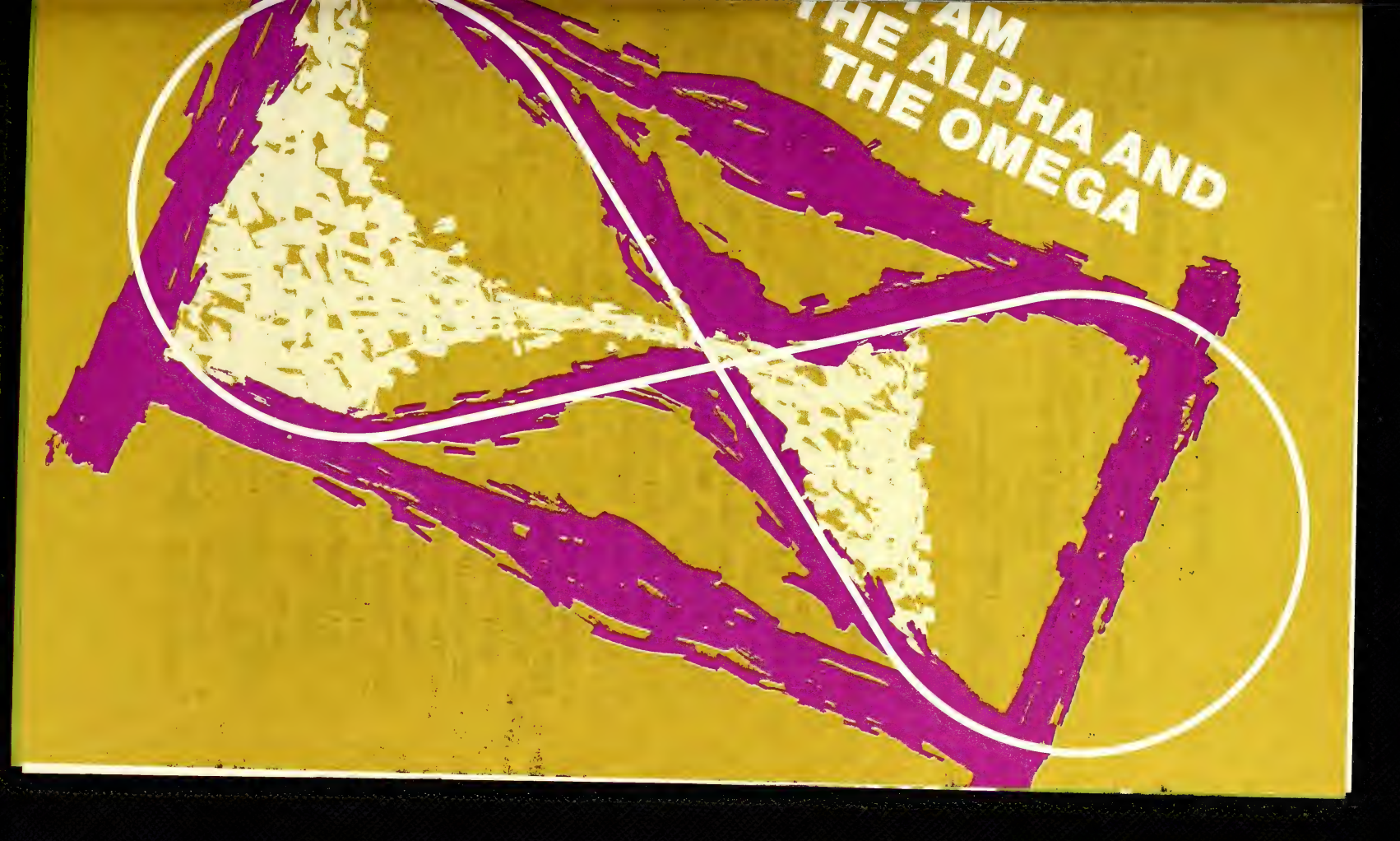
STRATEGY FOR A GREENER FUTURE

Most of us have read about the so-called Green Revolution, the development of new, super varieties of grain and other crops, which was supposed to promise a better future for a hungry world. By now we all know that new seeds, new fertilizers, and new planting methods alone won't make much difference unless they are accompanied by many other developments, the greater spread of agricultural know-how, a decrease in the world's rate of population growth, and the improvement of systems of transportation and distribution of foodstuffs.

One organization through which the United Church of Christ works in a direct way is called Agricultural Missions, Inc. For more than forty years the mission boards of Protestant denominations (now eighteen of them), Roman Catholic mission societies (now seven of them), the National Committee of the YMCA, and national, regional, and world councils of churches have cooperated in this united assault on poverty in rural areas overseas. Together, they have labored to build a worldwide network of people and organizations for improving the lot of the small farmer, helped agricultural projects around the world, provided leadership development workshops, short-courses, and training labs for local people and, in selected cases, assumed direct sponsorship of programs that have significance as pilot projects.

We in the United Church of Christ support Agricultural Missions, Inc. through the annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering. It is part of our strategy for a "greener future!"

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THE ALPHA AND
THE OMEGA

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Jeff Price and Barbara Elzey, Acolytes

May 22, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Allegro for Organ Rameau

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the aid of your loving-kindness, that, according to your promise, you may ever dwell with us on earth, and we with you in heaven, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God for ever and ever. Amen
(Gelasian Sacramentary)
* Hymn 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 135, page 548
New Testament Luke 24:44-53: Acts 1:1-9
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayer of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon The Miracle of A Garden
* Hymn 460 "We Plow the Fields"
Sermon What Do You Do With Ascension Day?
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Reverie Peeters
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 199 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Andrew McLelland by the D. Marsh McLelland Family and Rose Ann McLelland.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. E. W. Vickers, Sr. and family upon the death of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Lisenby, of Laurinburg on May 16.

CONGRATULATIONS to R. Keith Wiley and Nancy Dixon Noah whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

NEXT SUNDAY our high school seniors will be recognized as a part of our Service of Worship. Following the Service, the senior high youth will host a "lemonade hour" in their honor.

DAY CAMP at Moonelon is scheduled for June 13-17 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for youngsters entering grades 4,5,6. Cost is $8.50. Registration forms are available in the church office.

THE SUMMER CHURCH CAMP SCHEDULE (dates and directors) is posted on the bulletin board. Brochures are available in the church office.

OUR CHURCH will host the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference June 10,11. Two of our senior high youth may participate as observors by attending a "Youth Thing" at Moonelon the same days.

THE ELON COLLEGE Baccalaureate-Commencement is held this morning. We offer our congratulations to all the graduates.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

May 22, 1977

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

The Bible describes the creation of a humanity bearing God's image, our loss of that image, exile from Eden, and estrangement from God. God acts through ages to re-create that image: the Flood and Rainbow, bondage in Egypt and freedom in Palestine, profligate kings and prophets of *the* King, exile in Babylon and Israel restored, the death and new life of Jesus, his ascent and the Spirit's descent. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega: the Word that stands with God at the dawn of time, the model of a New Humanity that awaits us at the edge of Eternity.

PREPARING "GUARDIANES DE SALUD" FOR HONDURAS

"Guardianes de Salud," for you who don't understand Spanish, doesn't mean "salad gardens"! It means "health promoters" and it refers to a public health program in Honduras which is sponsored by the government for placing a Guardian de Salud in each rural village area to treat simple ailments and to refer people with more serious complaints to the auxiliary nurse serving the area who treats some patients and refers more serious cases to the area hospital. The government gives each Guardian de Salud an initial week of training, then refresher courses, and on-the-job supervision.

In an effort to supplement and improve the role of these Guardianes de Salud, the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras, our partner church, with help from missionary Dr. Joyce Baker of the United Church Board for World Ministries, has offered a more complete training course. Until last year this course was four months in length and open to persons who had completed primary school. Then, because of the extra needs occasioned by the Honduran earthquake, the course was concentrated into two months and opened to persons with as little as two years of schooling. The course offers both classroom work and clinical experience and covers anatomy and physiology, first aid, disease, nutrition, microbiology, and obstetrics. Because of the great need for better health care and because of the limited health facilities, there is great emphasis placed on preventive medicine.

When you support Our Christian World Mission, you help Dr. Baker and her colleagues train Guardianes de Salud for Honduran villages.

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May 29, 1977 Pentecost 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To Thy Presence, Lord, We Come Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 13:56
Pastor: O Lord, we have trusted in thy mercy; our hearts shall rejoice in thy salvation.
People: We will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with us.
Choir: "Glorious Lord, Thyself Impart"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 251 Holy, Holy, Holy

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65: 17-25
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2: 1-7

ANTHEM Blessing and Honor Mueller

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (Miss Grubb)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (insert)

THE OFFERING
Offertory Trio for Organ C.P.E. Bach
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON And The Beat Goes On

HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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CONGRATULATIONS to all the seniors who will be graduating from area high schools. Those of our membership are Nancy Boyd, Jane Danieley, Penny Eades, Lynne Fogleman, Joseph Gminder, Joy Hamilton, Eddie Hassell, Cindy Rinker, and David Seamster. This morning the Christian Education Committee will present a small gift to each graduate and the Senior Hi Youth will host a "Lemonade Hour" following the Service of Worship.

THANKS to the teachers and students of our Lower Junior Church School Class who are assisting us in our Service of Worship.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE will meet briefly in the library following the Service of Worship.

HOSPITALIZED: Rev. Guy Veazey at Memorial.

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ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

PENTECOST **May 29, 1977**

Acts 2:1-13

Both Hebrew and Greek use the same words for "wind" and "spirit." That is appropriate. Both come and go in mystery. Neither is visible. Both are seen only in their effects, as when wind fills our sail or faith possesses a questing mind. Neither can be summoned or controlled. When they come, both bring power, as when a windmill turns or a life finds integrating love. Both disturb yet create. Storms unite strangers in work to avert the wind's threat. And from a diverse crowd, the Holy Spirit creates a People of God, joined in repentance and empowered by faith.

EMPOWERMENT AND YOU!

Some wise sage once said that a long journey must begin with a single step. Relate this idea to the entire Christian enterprise, the world-embracing mission of Christ's people, and you could say that, in one sense, each aspect of it must begin with a single person. And that person can be you!

Empowered by God's own spirit, even one person can make the difference which changes the direction of a congregation's life, shifts its concern from self-service to service of others. It's true! That one spirit-filled person, perhaps you, can—by concern, participation, and leadership—provide the spark which ignites the hopes, dreams, and determination of an entire congregation.

In similar fashion, God's own spirit can empower even one congregation, make it vitally alive to mission, to concern for the needs of others; and a whole association or conference of churches can catch that spirit and become empowered to greater faithfulness and greater service in Christ's name. In similar fashion, God's ever-renewing spirit can use the enthusiasm of a single U.C.C. conference to set off a kind of chain reaction which can affect the entire United Church of Christ and ultimately the entire world-wide Christian enterprise, Christ's Church.

If the church is really to be empowered by God to change lives, to change history, that empowerment must take place in specific instances. It must happen somewhere, perhaps in your own city, town, or village. It must happen sometime, perhaps even today. It must occur with someone, perhaps you! Are you open to God's empowerment?

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N INTERPRETIVE READING OF ACTS 2

entecost is a church festival which comes fifty days
fter Easter. On this day when they were together, the
oly Spirit came to them. They were able to speak in
any languages. The wind blew. Many thought they
aw tongues of fire. Peter preached a great sermon.
000 people were baptized and joined the church. This
ay is known as the Birthday of the Church.

ONG Kum Ba Yah (Come by Here)

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.
   Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.
   Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!
   Oh, Lord - Kum ba yah.
2. Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
3. Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
4. Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!

N ECHO PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

(Please echo the lines after the children.)

ear God:
e praise you for the many people who have been a part
of your church:
or your Son, Jesus, who taught people about you;
or the disciples who learned from him;
or the first Christians who dared to belong to the
church even when they were in danger;
or all who have told the story of Jesus and your love;
or the leaders of the United Church of Christ who want
to work together with Christians everywhere;
nd for our own church where we worship and work with
one another.
e thank you, God, that we are also a part of your
great church.
lease guide us and help us as we try to follow the
teachings of Jesus, showing your love to others.
elp us to understand what we are taught, and to do
what we know is right.
e ask you to forgive us for times we have failed.
elp us to be better Christians.
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Father
Son
Spirit

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Mark Ellis and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

June 5, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:1-4
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord at all times, his praise continually on our lips.
People: Let us exalt his name together, for when we called for his help he answered us.
Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 366 "God of Grace And God of Glory"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 12:27-13:13

ANTHEM-DUET Sing With Grace In Your Heart Handel
(Joseph And Nathan Gminder)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Now Thank We All Our God Kaufmann
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON These Things Remain

YMN 384 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

ENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology
OSTLUDE God The Father Dwells With Us Scheidt

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ODAY:
4:00 Annual Memorial Service of Magnolia Memorial Association
7:30 Executive Board of Women's Fellowship
7:30 Board of Deacons

HE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING will be held here on Friday and Saturday.

UR PASTOR will be at Southeastern Seminary from Tuesday through Friday. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the church office or the parsonage.

EXT SUNDAY, our guest preacher will be Chaplain Lt. Col. John G. Truitt of Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, who is also a member of this congregation.

IE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET will be held June 13 at 6:30 in the Parish House.

IE OUTREACH COMMITTEE will be visiting the church school classes next Sunday as part of our emphasis on strengthening the church through membership recruitment.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 5, 1977

John 20:19-23

Christ's peace grants us no license to ignore the hurts and needs of others. It does not allow us to be complacent at the same time we consent to injustices that blight a large portion of the world's people today. The peace of Christ is found in the healing that comes with forgiveness. It sends us into the world's turbulent life, equipped with courage for doing God's work. Christ's peace is known as power—the power of the Holy Spirit to move human history toward God's coming reign in justice and love. What strange and wonderful peace!

TRINITY SUNDAY

On this Sunday, for more than a thousand years, Christians have been celebrating belief in the trinity of God. In many churches today, the Sundays that run between Pentecost and Advent are observed as the "Sundays after Trinity."

In spite of this, the idea of God's trinity is hard for many Christians to get into. The modern mind has lost the medieval inclination to see mystery and symbolism in numbers: 1 (unity and divinity), 3 (representing the supreme power), 7 (signifying the human union of body and soul), 10 (denoting perfection), 40 (a good round number, specifying long periods of existence or endurance), etc. The popular mind-set of our time has not yet caught up with the post-Newtonian mathematics that liberated science from too mechanical a reading of reality. In our culture, the common outlook tends to be fact-tied.

The doctrine of the Trinity, even so, can be a useful way to interpret our experience of God. It is a valid belief-response to the God who creates the world and gives life to all creatures in it; who comes incarnate in the life, death, and present life of Jesus; and who, in the action of the Holy Spirit, creates the church and empowers our spirits. In the Biblical record—Creation/Exodus, Christmas/Easter, and Pentecost—these encounters by humans with the divine inspire faith in God as Maker, as Liberator/Redeemer, and as Empowerer—faith in God known as the Three-fold One.

Rev. George S. Siudy, Jr.
Stewardship Council
United Church of Christ

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 5, 1977

4:00 p.m.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Sing with all the sons of glory,
sing the resurrection song.
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time will cease.
In God's likeness, man awakening
knows the everlasting peace.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Memoirs Mrs. T. H. MacKintosh

Meditation We Are One in the Spirit

Prayer

Hymn 97 "God of our Life"

Benediction

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor
Elon College Community Church
Aundree Price, Organist

BUSINESS SESSION

Election of Officers
Other

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1977 - 78

President	E. S. Lankford
Vice President	Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
Secretary	Mrs. Brown Fogleman
Treasurer	Mr. W. E. Lowe, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF:

Andrew N. McLelland	May 16, 1976
Clyde H. Ward, Sr.	June 15, 1976
Archie H. Walker	August 26, 1976
Mrs. Helen K. Hemric	September 12, 1976
W. Alva Brammer	September 27, 1976
Mrs. Frankie J. Long	September 28, 1976
Dr. Edwin Slott	October 21, 1976
Vernon Salmons	April 28, 1977
Dorothy Mae Montgomery	May 20, 1977

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
May 31, 1976-----May 31, 1977

Balance May 1, 1976		
Checking Account	$1555.72	
Pass Book Saving	3328.51	$4884.23
Receipts		
Dues	357.00	
Dividends(not included in checking account)	179.40	536.40
Disbursements		
Sellars Lawn Mower Service	98.80	
Postage	12.15	
Programs	10.00	
Alamance Secretarial Service	5.50	126.45
Balance May 31, 1977		
Checking Account	$1786.27	
Pass Book Savings	3507.91	5294.18

AY THE WORD...



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June 12, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To Thy Glory, We Praise Thee Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God has given us his Spirit that we may be fruitful in his service.
People: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Choir: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

OLD TESTAMENT READING I Kings 8:41-43
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 7:1-10

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM The Lord's Prayer Peeters

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 302 "O Zion, Haste..."
THE OFFERING
Offertory Berceuse Young
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Incognito to Cognito Chaplain Truitt

YMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

ENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Brafford in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. MacLean and in honor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Brafford, upon their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

E ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Chaplain Lt. Col. John G. Truitt, Jr. of Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He, Dolores, and Melinda are members of this congregation.

ODAY: 6:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee

HE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET will be held Monday evening in the Parish House at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be covered-dish.

ESIGNATION: The Board of Deacons last Sunday accepted the resignation of Miss Grubb as our Director of Christian Education. Much appreciation was expressed for her leadership and ministry among us. After July she will assume the same position at the First Protestant United Church of Christ at New Braunfels, Texas.

THER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Joe Shull and grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Sam Shomaker upon the birth of Adam Reynolds Shull on June 2...Day-Camp at Moonelon begins tomorrow morning...Our Guest Minister for next Sunday is Dr. Alfred Hurst.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 12, 197

Luke 7:1-1

Jesus treated outsiders in an unusual way. He healed a centurion's servant, although the centurion was part of an alien army. In spite of Jewis contempt for Samaritans, Jesus befriended a Samaritan woman at Sycha Zaccheus was a hated tax-collector, his wealth extorted from the poor. Yet, Jesus went to his house for dinner. The woman caught in adultery ha no legal claim to mercy and respect, but Jesus championed her right to them. These were alien, outcast people. Jesus made them his friends. He does that with us and asks us to do that with others.

"THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS..."

"Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!" The words of the moder folk-song haunt me. Too many times—with varying success—we work a showing our love for our families and close friends. We even manage fro time to time to show our love to fellow members in our congregation But seldom do we really show our love and concern in a personal way t strangers. Yet we can. And through our congregations, we do!

The *M Power* program of the United Church of Christ is the most intensiv and extensive effort ever undertaken in our denomination to show ou love toward one another and toward all God's people by increased parti cipation in and support of the total work of the church. *M Power* is an effo to empower the local church in its own ministries to its members and to i community while at the same time strengthening its share in the wide mission through the conference and the national agencies of the Unite Church of Christ.

When you are asked to respond to the *M Power* challenge, remember tha this is one way in which you can show your love, show it in deeds as well a words to others within your own congregation, and beyond.

Rev. Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
Stewardship Council
United Church of Christ

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nd she said to Elijah,
What have you against
me, O man of God? You
have come to me to bring
my sin to remembrance,
and to cause the death of
my son!"

And he said to her, "Give
me your son."

And he took him from her
bosom, and carried him up
into the upper chamber,
where he lodged, and laid
him upon his own bed.

And he cried to the Lord,
"O Lord my God, hast thou
brought calamity even upon
the widow with whom I so-
journ, by slaying her son?"
Then he stretched himself
upon the child three times,
and cried to the Lord, "O
Lord my God, let this child's
soul come into him again."

And the Lord hearkened to
the voice of Elijah; and the
soul of the child came into
him again, and he revived.

And Elijah took the child,
and brought him down from
the upper chamber into the
house, and delivered him to
his mother; and Elijah said,
"See, your son lives."

And the woman said to Eli-
jah, "Now I know that you
are a man of God, and that
the word of the Lord in
your mouth is truth."

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of divine origin

By Paul of Tarsus
Staff Correspondent

For I would have you know,
brethren, that the gospel
which was preached by me
is not man's gospel. For I
did not receive it from man,
nor was I taught it, but it
came through a revelation
of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my
former life in Judaism, how
I persecuted the church of
God violently and tried to
destroy it; and I advanced
in Judaism beyond many of
my own age among my
people, so extremely zeal-
ous was I for the traditions
of my fathers.

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GOD VISITS PEOPLE!

Gospel News Services

Soon afterward he went to
a city called Nain, and his
disciples and a great crowd
went with him.

As he drew near to the gate
of the city, behold, a man
who had died was being car-
ried out, the only son of his
mother, and she was a
widow; and a large crowd
from the city was with her.

And when the Lord saw
her, he had compassion on
her and said to her, "Do not
weep."

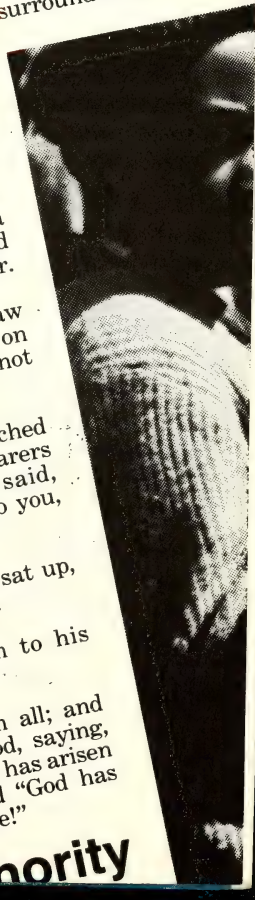
And he came and touched
the bier, and the bearers
stood still. And he said,
"Young man, I say to you,
arise."

And the dead man sat up,
and began to speak.

And he gave him to his
mother.

Fear seized them all; and
they glorified God, saying,
"A great prophet has arisen
among us!" and "God has
visited his people!"

And this report concernir
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June 19, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE In Dulce Jubilo Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: When the Lord led his people out of Egypt they cried out, "Truly God has visited his people".
People: When God sent his only son, they shouted, "God has visited his people".
All: God visits and redeems his people. Praise God!
Choir: "Gracious God, I Come Before Thee"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

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NEW TESTAMENT READING John 3:1-17

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM He Comes To Us Marshall

CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Adagio In C Minor Bach
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Ov

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Heart of The Gospel Dr. Hurst

*HYMN 198 "Christ Is The World's True Light"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Louis Wilkins. Greeters of the day are B. Blanchard and T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S.W. Caddell by the family.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Alfred W. Hurst, a former pastor, and a member of this congregation.

TODAY: 6:00 Senior Hi Youth

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Library

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot for a trip to the Guilford Battleground.

CONGRATULATIONS to David Seamster and Sheila Fields whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last evening.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. George Shumar and family upon the death of his brother, Mr. R. Claire Shumar of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, June 14.

OUR GUEST MINISTER for next Sunday is Dr. William Elzey.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **June 19, 1977**

Luke 7:11-17

A poor widow in Zarephath loses her son to death. Elijah hears the news, comes, and revives the boy. In her old age, a great lady of Shunem bears a son who later dies in her lap. She sends for Elisha. He comes and prays to God, who restores life to the lad. The only son of a widow in Nain dies. On the way to bury the boy, the funeral party meets Jesus, whose heart goes out to the aggrieved woman. He touches the bier and calls the son back from death. By three prophets, Elijah, Elisha, and Jesus, God visits these women, restores life, renews joy and hope.

OURS IS A RESPONSIVE CHURCH

Two years ago, the General Synod called upon members, congregations, conferences, and agencies of the United Church of Christ to work at a number of priorities. The response?

The U.C.C. Advisory Commission on Women in Church and Society is at work. Increasing numbers of women are helping to shape and lead the work of our denomination.

More than $150,000 has been channeled by members of the U.C.C. through our Hunger Action Fund for education and action in meeting the needs of hungry people at home and abroad.

Men and women of every ethnic background have been helped to rethink the meaning of evangelism for today in terms of word and deed, and local churches have been strengthened by their concern and action.

Conferences of the U.C.C., working with the Stewardship Council, have engaged in the *M Power* program, which seeks to increase church giving by $15 million in 1977 over 1976 and in 1978 over 1977 for the local, national, and global ministries of our churches.

The new Office for Church in Society, together with conferences and other national agencies, is helping to increase the awareness of U.C.C. people to issues of racial and economic injustice in our society, and helping them to work for more adequate income, health care, food distribution, employment, education, and housing.

New attention is being paid to the issues of criminal justice and penal reform, to the development of a Christian lifestyle, and to ecology.

Yes, ours has been—and is—a responsive church!

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saved you; go in peace

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June 26, 1977 11:00 a. m.

PRELUDE Siciliene for Organ Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Now is fine time to worship. Can it be also a time for forgiveness?
People: First forgive your brother, says the Lord; then offer your gift at the altar.
All: May God forgive us all our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Choir: "The God of Abraham Praise"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power Of God"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Matthew 6:24-33
Matthew 22:15-22

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM-DUET The Lord Bless You Bach
(Mary Anne Johnston and Martha Matthews)
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 464 "Praise to God Immortal Praise"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Andante Cantabile Widor
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON The Sovereignty of God Dr. Elzey

HYMN 446 "God the Omnipotent

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Iris Holt. Greeters of the day are T. L. Smith and Mack Lackey

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of George Amash and Shere Randall whose Service of marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. William Elzey, an associate member of this congregation, and Mrs. Johnston and Miss Matthews who are providing the anthem-duet.

ODAY

6:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Community Service Committee
7:00 Outreach Committee

HE FIRST of our Family Summertime Celebrations will be a July 4th Church Family Picnic. The time is 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

OSPITALIZED: Walter Smith at Duke

THER: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...The summer recreation program continues each morning this week... Pictures ordered by the Confirmation class and new members are available in the library today... The pastor will be out of town from Tuesday through Thursday, but may be reached by calling the parsonage or church office.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 1977

Luke 7:36-50

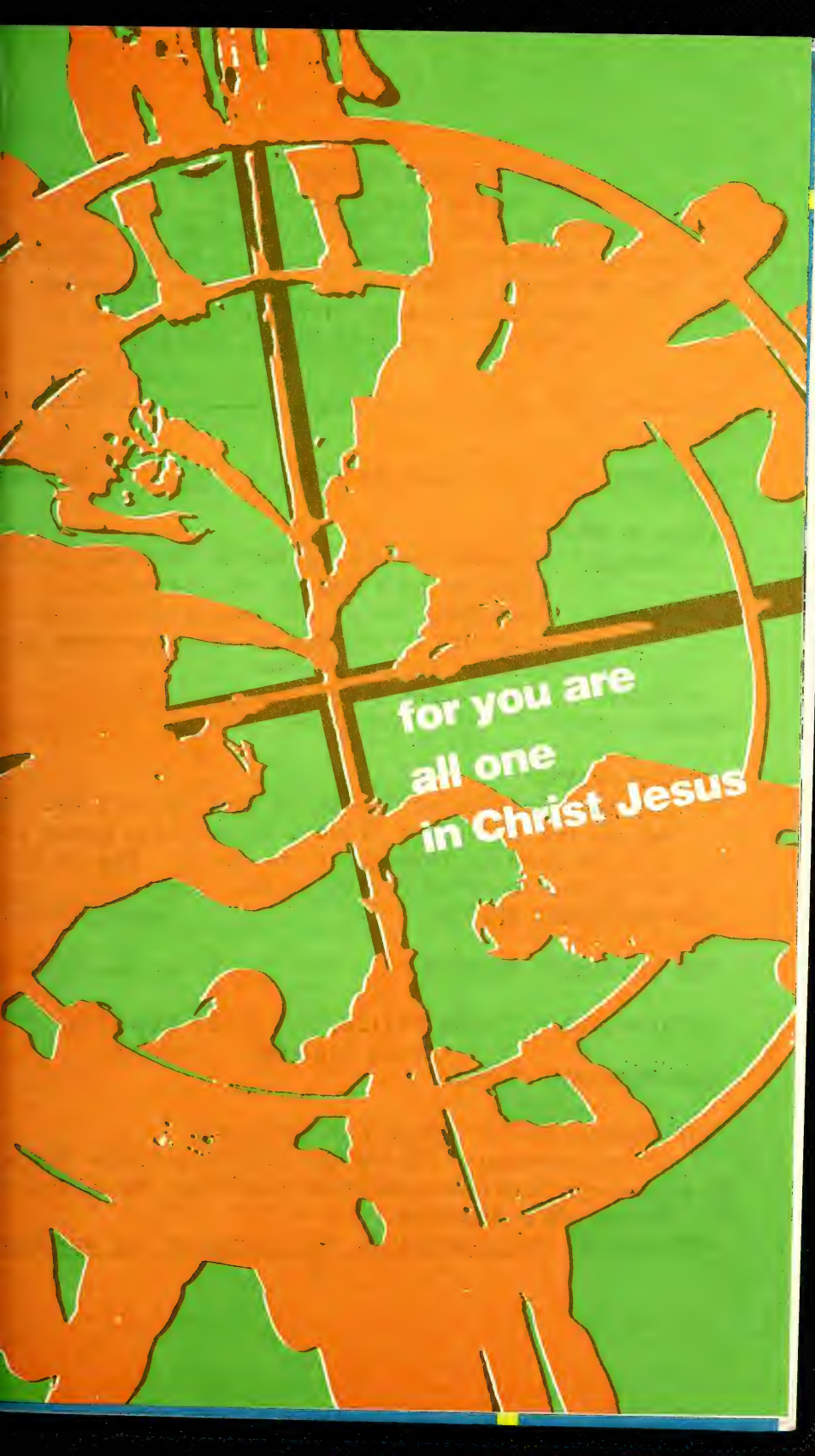
The woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair is too complex for analysis in eight lines on a bulletin. The artist gives us a delightful portrait of her on the cover. Luke's story depicts her vividly. But Simon's preoccupation with the woman's morals is so narrow that he misses her subtleties—a soul virtuous beyond virtues, a loving heart, notwithstanding her corruption of love, a spirit forgiven though sinful. Jesus looks into the woman's core and judges her worth from the perspective of God's incredibly gracious love.

GENERAL SYNOD ELEVEN

The Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ meets next week in our nation's capital. Approximately 700 delegates from our thirty-nine conferences will deliberate the church's fitting response to such issues as: women in church and society, world hunger, the aging, and human sexuality. The delegates will scrutinize the work of the denomination and determine priorities for the coming biennium. Among their many heavy responsibilities will be that of electing a president of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Joseph H. Evans has served as President since the death of Dr. Robert V. Moss last fall.

In keeping with our polity, the Synod will speak only for itself, both to the congregations and members of the United Church of Christ and to the nation and to the world at large. By their own actions, conferences and congregations of the U.C.C. will confirm or challenge the Synod's stance. The General Synod's authority—except over national work which it originates—is only that which is inherent in its persuasiveness.

Pray that the delegates to General Synod Eleven may deliberate with wisdom and may rightly reflect the constituencies whom they are called to represent. Then, hold yourself open to hear what God may be saying to the churches through their mediation. It's the United Church way!


for you are
all one
in Christ Jesus

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July 3, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thee We Adore Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Friends, we are called to freedom, never again to be bound by our slaveries.
People: Therefore let us use our freedom to worship the living God as true servants to him and to one another.
Choir: "Our Father's God, to Thee..."
*HYMN 433 "God of Our Fathers"

UNISON PRAYER
May this holiday be for us, O Lord, a holy day. May we use our God-given freedom to increase human freedom and dignity throughout the world. May it be so by the power of Christ in us. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 115:1-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 3:23-29

ANTHEM-SOLO Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(Lynne Fogleman, Soprano)
THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory-When I Survey the Wondrous Cross- Bunjes
* Congregational Response--We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Celebrating In The Sacrament Our Oneness

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving
*HYMN 234 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response
God Be With You

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Homer J. Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Longest by Mr. and Mrs. W. Roland Longest.

TODAY: 6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

OUR JULY 4 SUMMER CELEBRATION is tomorrow evening from 6:30 to 8:00. The covered dish supper will be held in the oak grove. You are asked also to bring whatever you have that resembles a musical instrument.

NEXT SUNDAY we will be honoring June Grubb as she prepares to begin her new work in New Braunfels, Texas. A covered dish luncheon in her honor will follow the Service of Worship.

STATEMENTS of second quarter contributions are available in the narthex.

OUR MEMBERS attending General Synod this week are Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields, Rev. J. C. Dollar, Rev. Richard Rinker, and Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hurst.

OSPITALIZED: Walter Smith at Duke

TTENDING the Guest Register today is Mrs. Jim Griswold. Greeters of the day are Mark McAdams and George Noah.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 1977

Galatians 3:23-29

Two features of the common life require our attention as Protestants who are citizens of the United States. As Christians, we owe our highest loyalty to God, who requires us to call the nation away from idolatry, the abuse of power, and the perpetration of injustice. As citizens, we share "mystic chords of memory" that, says Abraham Lincoln, constitute the score for the "chorus of the Union." Within and beyond our nation and church, we believe all people to have one Parent who calls us to live as members of one divinely created household.

"AMERICA, LOVE IT AND MAKE IT BETTER"

One definition of patriotism which was popular a decade ago was "America, love it or leave it!" A far better definition—from a Christian point of view—is "America, love it and make it better!" In this post-Watergate era, most of us agree that while the United States of America is our country—right or wrong, in war or in peace—we, its citizens, have a God-given responsibility to make America better than when we inherited it from our forebears, a better place to live for all people.

Our nation has importance insofar as it provides the freedom and the opportunity for individuals, families, and communities to reach their highest potential of joy, creativity, health, and love. As we seek to serve such national goals, we are often confronted by forces which would compromise on such matters as justice in the courts, racial equality, adequate housing, police brutality, the rights of women, and many others. Let no compromise, however, divert us this Independence Day from our goals. Let us love America . . . then vow to make it better!

Rev. Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
Stewardship Council
United Church of Christ

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July 10, 1977 11:00 a. m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Let us praise God who calls us to this rendezvous with him and with each other.
People: Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
the blessing of this place,
the blessing of this hour,
the blessing of loving friends.
All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Choir: Gracious God, I Come Before Thee
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 6:1-7

ANTHEM-SOLO O Love That Casts Out Fear Bach
(Tim Price, Baritone)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
* Hymn 333 "Father Almighty..."
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
RECOGNITION OF JUNE GRUBB Mr. Wilkins

THE OFFERING
Offertory Adagio in C minor Bach

* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Some Favorite Bridges

*HYMN 414 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response Glory to God

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of David B. Wright and Lee G. Watts whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

TODAY: 12:15 Congregational Luncheon
7:00 Music and Organ Committee

THE COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON today is held as a congregational tribute to June Grubb whose resignation as Director of Christian Education becomes effective on Friday. Please join us, following our Service of Worship, at the MacFarland Building on the campus of the Elon Home.

OUR FAMILY SUMMER CELEBRATIONS: Sunday evenings until August 7, with the exception of tonight. Next Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 we will "celebrate the family".

ATTENDING CAMP at John's River this week are Edrie Upkyke and Chris Vickers.

HOSPITALIZED: Caroline Powell at Duke

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the last quarter are available in the narthex.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 1977

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

"Free from the Law! O happy condition! I can sin as I please, And still find remission." The old jingle obviously caricatures Christian freedom. To live in the forgiving love of God does not mean that we can do as we please and get away with it. Liberated Christians do *more*, not less, than the law requires—and delight in doing it. They find ways of loving that unite power and joy with willing self-restraint. Far from being self-centered individualists, they voluntarily and gladly bind themselves to others in love of service and in the service of Love.

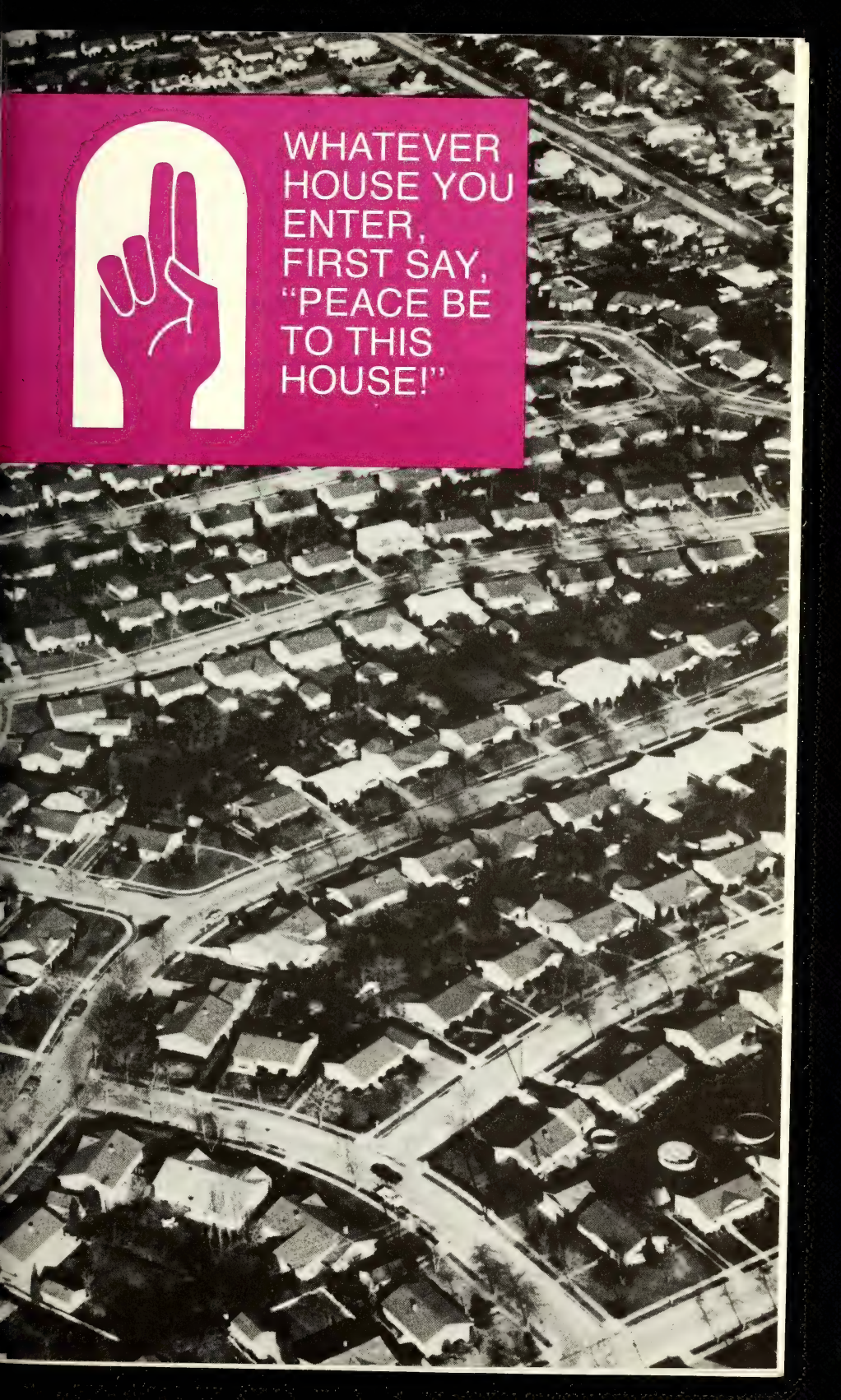
YOU ARE THERE WITH TOTS AND TRACTORS

Togo, West Africa: a developing nation of over two million people, most of them farmers, most of them poor. You are there through the missionary presence of Jim and Jean Winter.

The Winters have lived nearly a decade in Togo, where Jean, concerned with public health, works with Under-Five-Clinics which are coordinated there by Catholic Relief Services. Giving young Togolese children a healthy start in life is the goal of this worthwhile program. Jim, an agriculturalist with both an agricultural degree and a practical, common-sense approach to farming, serves as an extension worker in a territory which is approximately the size of the State of Delaware.

Over the past several years, Jim has introduced small, inexpensive Japanese-built tractors to farmers of this region. Despite their low incomes—less than $500 per year—the Togolese farmers can afford to own such equipment cooperatively and thus can improve their productivity. To help farmers become fully self-supporting and to help them improve their lot is Jim's aim—all in the name of Christian service and witness. You are there!

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WHATEVER HOUSE YOU ENTER, FIRST SAY, "PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE!"

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July 17, 1977 11:00 a. m.

PRELUDE Morning Song Benoit

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord: let US--the persons we are.
People: We are a mixture of good and bad, of strong and weak, of wise and foolish.
All: The Lord invites OUR worship; He is OUR God; Let US worship the Lord.
Choir: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-12
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 6:4-13

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty.." (Stanza 1)
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM-SOLO The King of Love My Shepherd Is Gounod
(Cynthia Ingold, Soprano)
THE OFFERING
Offertory The Lord is Mindful Mendelssohn
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Test What You Hide Inside

*HYMN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response God Be With You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Drumm.

TODAY: 6:30 Family Summer Celebration
8:00 Organ Committee

THE SECOND of our Summer Celebrations is this evening at 6:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. Under the direction of the Elzey and Parker Families, we will be developing a family totem pole. All ages are invited

WE ARE DELIGHTED to have with us today as guest soloist Miss Cynthia Ingold. Cynthia is a former soloist with the Williams High School Chorus and is a student of Mrs. Bragg.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the library.

PLEASE SECURE your financial statement of last quarter's contributions in the narthex.

CHURCH SCHOOL next Sunday for grades 1-8 were feature expressive art led by Betty Blanchard, Susie Brown, and Linda Dunn.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 17, 1977**

Luke 10:1-9

Urgency marked Jesus' training of the Seventy who were to prepare his way in towns where soon he was to come. Their mission was important. It required them to get going at once, travel light, waste no time in small talk on the way. The situation of townspeople, too, was urgent. If they were to have the health God intended, escape severe judgment, and enter God's realm of justice and joy, they must be found to be daughters and sons of God's peace, open to the Christ who comes with saving peace and offers it to our hearts, our homes, and our world.

U.C.C. MISSIONARY DOCTOR PIONEERS NEW OPERATION

Ronald and Edith Seaton serve in India as missionaries jointly appointed by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Presbyterian Church, and the United Church Board for World Ministries, the first time that the three denominations have ever joined in making a missionary appointment together. The Seatons are helping to initiate a program of training village pastors, elders, and others to serve as basic health workers to give more effective health services to their communities.

Dr. Seaton, while serving at St. Luke's Hospital in Vengurla, India, prior to his present work assignment, pioneered a new tubectomy operation, which does not require an abdominal incision, as a means of birth control. Women, he discovered, are much more willing to have this kind of operation than the usual procedure which does require an abdominal incision. The new operation can be performed in only fifteen minutes and is practically painless. The patient needs to stay in the hospital only overnight. This new operation is a real contribution to family planning in populous India.

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THE WORD is very near you

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Mark Ellis and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

July 24, 1977 11:00 a. m.

PRELUDE Psalm 23 Buxtehud

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: We turn now to the God of all creation, who promises to be with people as guide and strength whenever that people want his help and seek his will.
People: Together let us worship the God of all nations, of this nation, our God.
Choir: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 433 "God of our Fathers"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:9-1
The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 1:1-1

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty.." (Stanza 1)
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE OFFERING
Offertory Fantasia Pachelbel
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON A Model For Intercession

*HYMN 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicated when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Worden J. Updyke, Jr. by Penny, Al, Jane, Jay, and Edrianna.

TODAY: 6:30 Family Summer Celebration

THE THIRD of our Summer Celebrations is this evening at 6:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. Under the direction of the Atkinson and Caddell Families we will be celebrating names. You may wish to bring a Family Crest. All ages are invited. Refreshments will be served.

TOTEM POLES depicting the past, present, and future of our church are on display in the narthex.

ATTENDING CHURCH CAMP at Johns River this week are Dan Hamilton and Andre Wilkins.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charles Kirkman Martin and Nancy Louise Boyd whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here on July 21 and to Paul Sidney Oliver and Sandra Lynn Jeffreys whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here July 23.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 1977

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Israel's prophet cried, "Truly thou art a God who hidest thyself." God's life: is it too obscure for human discerning? It is not. We see God act in the Exodus, the covenant God makes with the people of God, the rise and fall of nations, the life of Jesus, and the work of the Holy Spirit. God's law: is it too perfect for human obedience? It is not. God's law is written into the structure of our hearts, constitutes our very selfhood. God's word is as intimate as our souls, as near as the nearest neighbor. That word is within our reach—"ready to be kept."

RESPONDING TO LEBANON'S AGONY

Through most of the past two years, fighting has taken place in Lebanon, not only in the capital, Beirut, but also elsewhere.

In the city of Tripoli, the Greek Orthodox Archbishop, Rev. Elias Kurban, has headed ecumenical relief efforts which serve both Christian and Moslem people. On one occasion, after making his way to Cyprus by cargo ship, he reported to Middle East Council of Churches officials that 22 district villages had been all but wiped out and 35,000 of their inhabitants crowded into Tripoli. Water, food, electricity and gasoline were all rationed, and some foodstuffs, especially powdered milk, were in a very short supply. The Council responded with aid.

The Middle East Council has been the channel for aid from both the World Council of Churches and from Church World Service in the United States. In addition to sending immediate relief supplies, the Council has also planned for long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation. Plans call for medical services, low-cost housing, a variety of self-help projects, special rehabilitation programs for the handicapped, and pilot-project educational programs addressing the needs of post-war Lebanon.

Your contributions to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing and gifts which have been specifically directed for Lebanon help to make these responses to Lebanon's agony!

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milk - hamburger - beans
tomatoes - light bulbs

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South Western Airlines

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Call Ann

Mr. Gardner Cantaro
808-9200

3:45 Pickup kid at school
4:00 Dentist — Jimmy
4:15 Piano lessons — Susa

Bridge Club - Thurs - bring ho

Call Bet
Check on Laura

Remind Jan about Scouts! Tu

Kid

Yatama Restaurant

Book Club Return

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Bank

Guild meeting Wed. 7:00 Fri

Skippy ?

Clean basement
Mary and Ann

Lodge meeting Family Sat. 8:15

ONE THING IS NEEDFUL

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July 31, 1977 11:00 a. m.

PRELUDE Morning Song Benoit

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Our God is a God who listens.
People: He hears all our prayers, our petitions, our cries for mercy.
All: As we listen, God's word gives us life.
Choir: "Grant Me True Courage, Lord"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 8:22-35
The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 10:38-42

ANTHEM SOLO My Heart Ever Faithful Bach
(Ellen B. Williams, Soprano)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty.." (Stanza 1)
The Silent Prayers of the people
The Pastor's Prayer for the people
THE OFFERING
Offertory Aria Jongen
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Some Who Have Ears To Hear, Hear

*HYMN 77 "Be Still, My Soul"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicated when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of J. C. Blake, Sr. by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake and Family.

TODAY: 6:30 Family Summer Celebration
8:00 Committee on new members

THE FOURTH of our Summer Celebrations is this evening at 6:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. Under the direction of the Lackey and Wilkins Families we will be celebrating "Friendships". All ages are invited. Refreshments will be served.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch", except that Circle 3 meets with Mary Shaw Cunningham.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Elliot Gilliam and Sherry Lynne Owen whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here July 29.

OUR PASTOR will officiate this afternoon for the Service of Baptism for Robert Bedford Terrell, son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Terrell and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell. The Service will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, China Grove, N. C.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 197

Luke 10:38-4

Martha was distracted. Literally, the word means "drawn away." Nothin is worth that—being drawn away from what is at the core of our life—n even such laudable service as Martha's, scurrying about the kitchen un she is exhausted, irritated, and out of patience with her sister. There is, course, a time to serve others. The story of the Good Samaritan says tha There is also a time for being strengthened and illuminated. This "acted-o parable" reminds us of this good portion and points us to our need to hav that "one thing" more.

STUMPING TREES AND FEEDING CHICKENS

Ken and Betty Frank write from Kafue, Zambia, a Southern Africa missio field, where the United Church Board for World Ministries has been activ for less than a dozen years, that a major need there is food productio "For too long," they note, "Zambia has been needlessly importing foo stuffs and living off the profits of its copper industry instead of intensifyi agricultural efforts."

At the Kafue Secondary School, where Ken and Betty teach, faculty a students have joined in a school-wide effort to grow maize and vegetable to raise poultry, rabbits, and pigs, and to clear land in order to plant c chards. The students benefit by having an improved diet and also by lear ing that their agricultural manual labor is an honorable occupation. Qui a change from colonial days when any kind of manual labor was considere demeaning by the desk-bound, book-oriented schools.

It is good to find mission schools in the forefront of this kind of educ tional reform. It's like that in many places in today's world. Mission-spo sored education now includes stumping trees and feeding chickens!

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Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Jeff Price and Greg Price, Acolytes
August 7, 1977 11:00 a. m.

PRELUDE Adagio from Sonata No. 2 Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Our Lord, preparing for his own suffering prayed for us, his disciples:
People: "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."
Choir: "Grant Me True Courage, Lord"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 6 "O Worship the King, all Glorious Above"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:20-33
The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 11:1-13

SOLO The Lord is Mindful of his Own Mendelssohn
(Martha Matthews, Soprano)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty.." (Stanza 1)
The Silent Prayers of the people
The Pastor's Prayer for the people
THE OFFERING
Offertory Joyful Songs of Praise Maekelberghe
* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine O
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON The "Our Father"

*HYMN 376 "Lead Us, O Father"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Brock B. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Truitt by Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt.

TODAY: 5:00 Outreach Committee
6:30 Family Summer Celebration
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE LAST of our Sunday Evening Summer Celebrations is this evening at 6:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. The program is planned by the Hanna and Harper Families. Please bring anything suitable to make wind chimes.

THE ADULT CHOIR resumes this week its schedule of 7:30 Wednesday evening rehearsals. As the new choir year begins, it would be an excellent time for new choir members to join us. All are welcome.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Melva Foster upon the death of her step-mother, Mrs. Mary Wilson Foster of Asheboro, on August 1.

THANKS AGAIN to Martha Matthews for sharing with us in a ministry of music.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 1977

Luke 11:1-13

In how many places and tongues have Christians said the Lord's Prayer! Truly it is a prayer that belongs to us. Even more, it is truly *the Lord's* prayer. Each petition is autobiography. Jesus knows unique kinship with God. The heavenly rule comes, the divine will is done in Jesus. He trusts God's providence, makes bread a sign of self-giving, offers himself as the Bread of Heaven. Forgiveness flows from Jesus' cross, a healing, reconciling stream. In our struggles with trouble and sin, his triumph over the Tempter enables us to win our victory.

IN RECOGNITION OF GOD'S GIFT

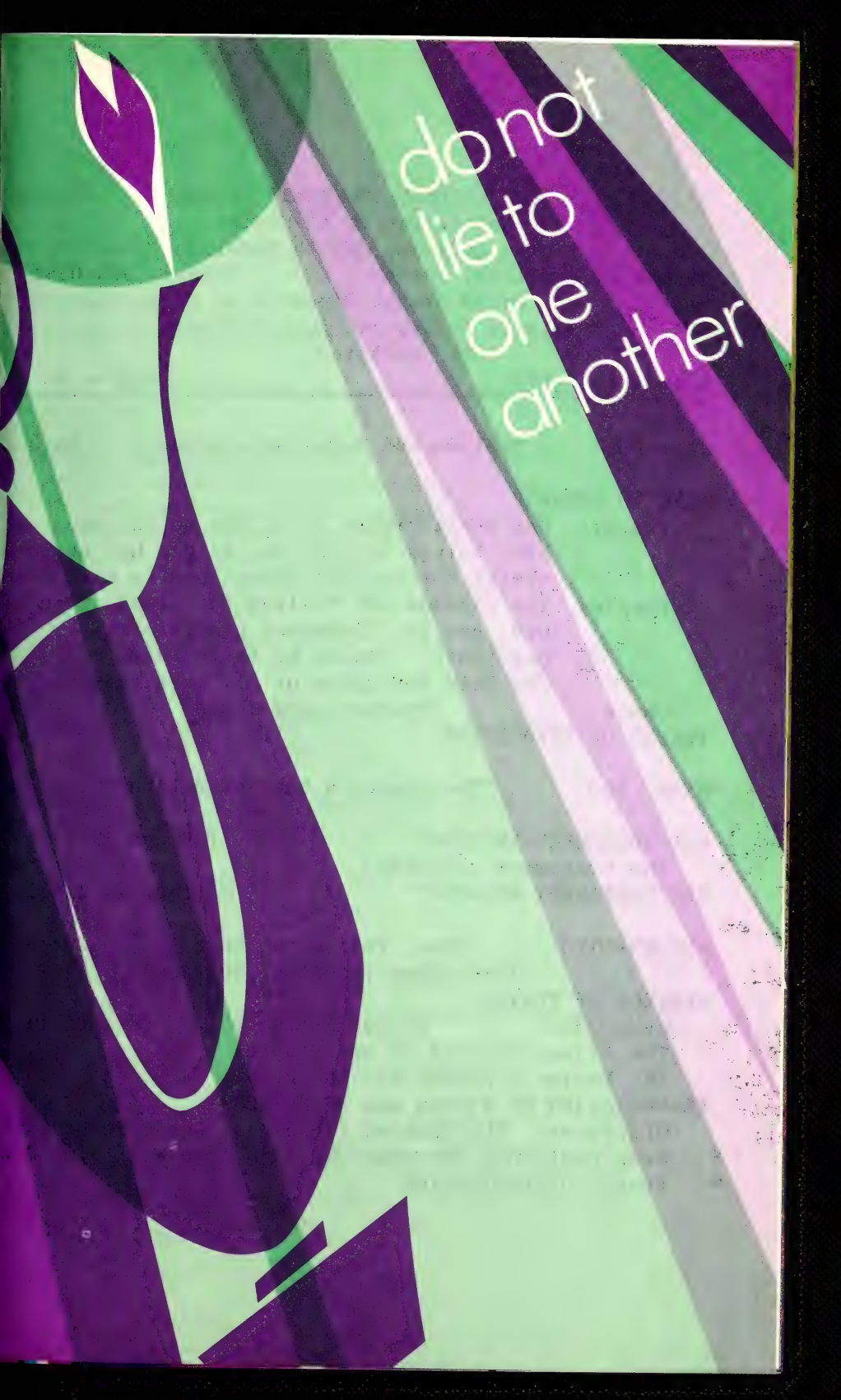
Recognizing that the earth and the fullness thereof is a gift from our gracious God, and that we are called to cherish, nurture, and provide loving stewardship for the earth's resources, and recognizing that life itself is a gift, and a call to responsibility, joy and celebration, I make the following declarations:

1) I declare myself to be a world citizen.
2) I commit myself to lead an ecologically sound life.
3) I commit myself to lead a life of creative simplicity and to share my personal wealth with the world's poor.
4) I commit myself to occupational accountability, and in doing so I will seek to avoid the creation of products which cause harm to others.
5) I commit myself to join with others in reshaping institutions in order to bring about a more just global society in which each person has full access to the needed resources for their physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth.
6) I commit myself to examine continually my relations with others, and to attempt to relate honestly, morally, and lovingly to those around me.
7) I commit myself to personal renewal through prayer, meditation, and study.
8) I commit myself to responsible participation in a community of faith.

The Shakertown Pledge

The above statement will commend itself to all who believe that personal faith, social conscience, and simplicity of lifestyle, in a world of limited natural resources and a world of great human need, are essential parts of a religious life that possesses integrity. This Pledge was developed and signed by a group of concerned persons, Protestant and Roman Catholic, ecumenical and evangelical, laity and clergy, women and men, who met at the Shakertown Retreat Center in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Further information may be secured by writing to the Shakertown Pledge Group, West 44th St. and York Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55410. The Pledge is reprinted here for the joint use of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and the United Church of Christ.

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Melanie Artley and Luci Atkinson
Acolytes

August 14, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in a minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Who shall remind us of the truth: the best things in life are free? Let us praise the God who gives them to us.

People: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Praise be to the name of the Lord who gives us all good things.

Choir: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT READING I Kings 19:9-16

The Statement of Faith

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14:22-33

ANTHEM-SOLO Come, Praise the Lord Bach
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Hymn 333 "Father Almighty..." (Stanza 1)

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thy Richest Blessings, Lord, We Receive

* Congregational Response-"We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Punctured Preconceptions

*HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Leslie W. Wagoner, Sr. by Mrs. Wagoner.

TODAY 5:00 Church Softball at College Field
7:00 Music Committee

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE and all Church School teachers meet tomorrow evening at 7 in the Youth Room.

HOSPITALIZED: Ann Vickers and Elia Moser at County; Martha Keppler at Memorial.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moser and grandparents Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder upon births of Neil Harden Moser and Emily Ann Moser on August 11.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

THE ADULT CHOIR has resumed its schedule of 7:30 Wednesday evening rehearsals. As the new choir year begins, it would be an excellent time for new choir members to join us. All are welcome.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 197

Colossians 3:1-1

An old German proverb says that "lies have short legs." That adage paint a vivid picture of deceit: fat, short-limbed and short-winded, puffing an bouncing along, running from truth until, at last, truth overtakes deceit "Do not lie to one another," Paul urges. The new nature Christ gives you i shown in your honesty with others. That honesty builds a trust that benefit everyone. It makes for stable and enduring relations between people i government, in business, in family life, and in the church. Truth is swift an lasting. It has long legs!

TWIN PORTS MINISTRY

By supporting the Twin Ports Ministry to Seamen in Duluth, Minnesota, dozen church bodies are participating in a ministry to the world in th fullest sense of the term: the constituency of the Twin Ports Ministry i both worldwide and worldly. The ministry makes the church a presence i the cosmopolitan, multilingual harbor community: to crewmen fro around the world, to truck drivers, to port captains and ship agents, and t all the 85,000 seafarers who pass through the port each year.

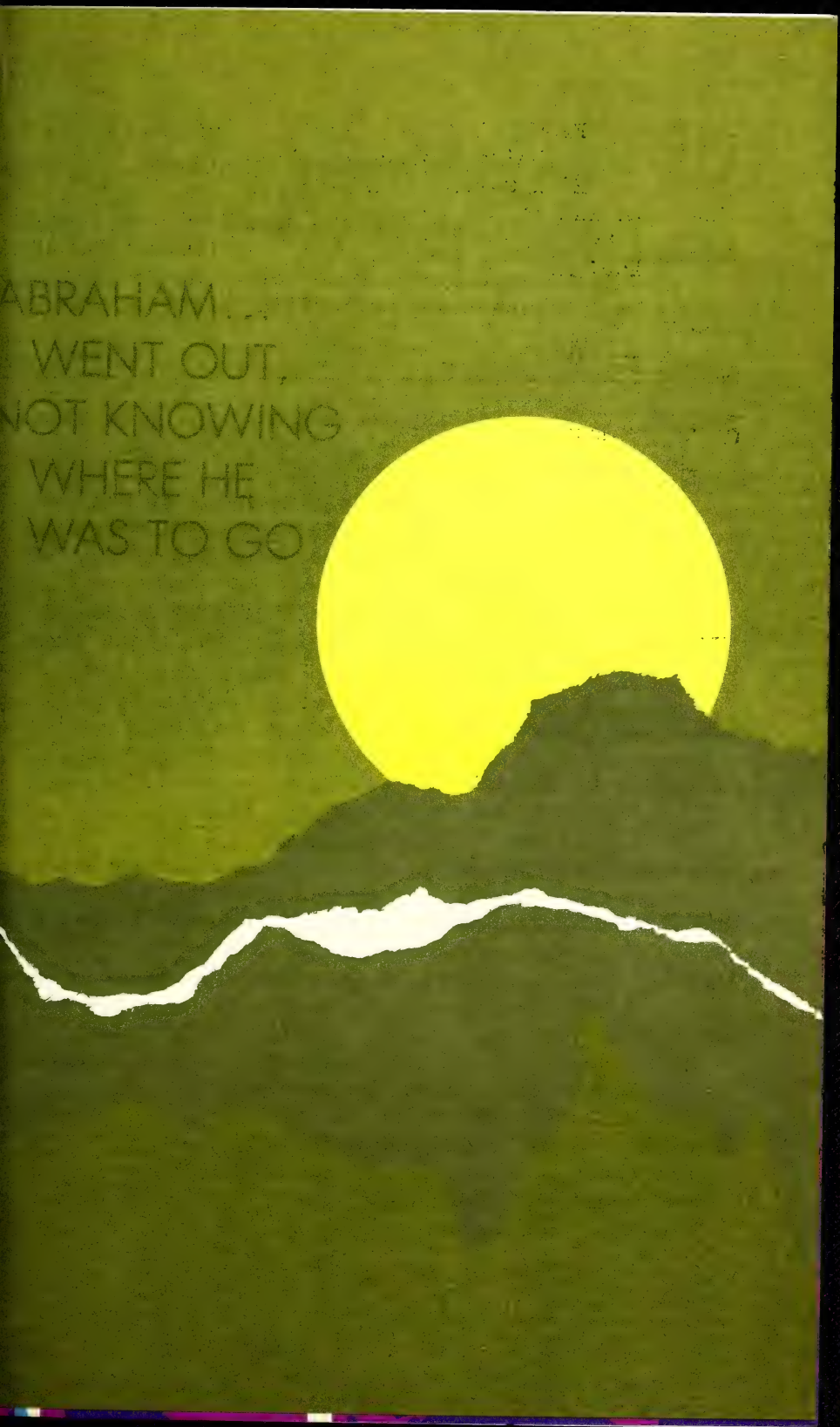
In such a setting, the ministry stresses a person-to-person approach. Th Reverend Norbert Mokros and his staff board every ship that enters th Port of Duluth. He and his team are especially concerned to talk personall with all the seamen about their questions and problems and faith. And the are as happy to take men to worship in local congregations as to hol formal services on board.

A number of seamen have come to faith through this ministry. Two me have entered the seminary. Two are working in similar waterfront minis tries, one in Germany, another in Africa. Twin Ports Ministry is a ministr of the churches in the heart of the continent that touches, quite directl the entire world.

Rev. Lincoln Richardson
The Synod of Lakes and Prairies
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A

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ABRAHAM...
WENT OUT,
NOT KNOWING
WHERE HE
WAS TO GO

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August 21, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fantasy for Organ Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: "Come, Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me"
Pastor: Happy are those who find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, studying it day and night.
People: They are like trees that grow beside a stream, bearing fruit at the right time.
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism
OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 11:1-3,8-12

ANTHEM Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme Young

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty..." (Stanza 1)
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Meditation on a Medieval Theme Benoit
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Beyond Security

HYMN 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Benediction

Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Perry, Jr. on their 30th Wedding Anniversary by their children and grandsons.

WE ARE PLEASED to receive today as new members of our congregation Amy Joyce Goude by Baptism and Profession of Faith and Debra Lynne Fogleman by Letter of Transfer.

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 5:00. We will be playing softball at College Field, followed at 6:45 with a watermelon treat prepared by the Music Committee.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE and the Board of Deacons meet Tuesday evening at 7:15 for visitations.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evening at 7:30. On Saturday they will meet here at 8:30 a.m. to go to Crumpton Center for an all-day rehearsal-retreat.

Hospitalized: Maggie Oakley at Memorial and Ann Vickers and Adelia Truitt at County.

BE HERE next Sunday morning at 9:45 for Promotion Day in the Church School.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for September-October are available in the narthex.

Next Sunday we will welcome the players and coaches of the Elon College Football Team.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 21, 197

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-1

By faith, Sarah and Abraham left comfortable Chaldea for rigorous life i Canaan. "From your offspring I will make a great nation," God told th childless pair. They spent years in the wilderness, waiting for the promis to be fulfilled. Abraham was "seventy-five and still counting" when th pledge was made, "ninety-nine and still counting" when Sarah got preg nant. Then, still counting, they died, "not having received what wa promised, but having seen ... it from afar." Such faith counts on God. Go counts such faith on our part as a sign that we are God's own true people

THE NEED CONTINUES

Recently, four small communities on the island of Leyte in the Philippine were studied by the University of the Philippines. What was discovered wa that there are no roads or bridges on which cars or trucks could travel. Mos families live seven to ten miles from town. Thirty percent of the famil heads had no schooling. Twenty-six percent of the families have seven o more living children. Only one percent of the houses are built on per manent foundations. Forty percent of the houses have no toilets. Half o the families carry water from a spring. There are no mechanical ric threshers, cleaners, or dryers, no corn-shellers. All work is done by han (or by foot). In times of sickness, most families call for a "hilot" or loca medicine man; few look to a rural-health nurse. More than half of th school-age children are not attending school.

In such a situation, the United Church of Christ of the Philippines carrie on a Christian concern for ministry and mission. Our denomination's sup port for this work dates to the beginning of this century and has encom passed medical, agricultural, and educational work as well as support fo the ministries of local congregations. The need for such work, increasingl determined by the indigenous church, obviously continues!

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Dan Hamilton and Chris Vickers, Acolytes

August 28, 1977 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Voluntary in D Pachelbe

CALL TO WORSHIP Roxie Bratto
Choir: "Let The Whole Creation Sing"
Leader: This is what God says of himself:
"I am the Lord; there is no other God.
I will give you the strength you need".
People: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:7-12 David Vaugh

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 10:46-52 J.T. Thompso

ANTHEM Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God Hande

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Hymn 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (Stanza 1
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer Dr. Caddell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory "Meditation On "St. Anne" Hedgh
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Changing Room

*HYMN 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piercy in memory of her father, Mr. R. L. Spaulding, and in honor of her mother, Mrs. R. L. Spaulding as she approaches her 90th birthday.

WELCOME to the players and coaches of the 1977 Fighting Christians of Elon College. Three of the players, as well as Dr. Steve Caddell, are assisting as liturgists today. They are Roxie Bratton, David Vaughn, and J. T. Thompson.

TODAY 2:00 Music Committee
5:00 Church Family Softball at College Field.
8:00 Organ Committee

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE and Board of Deacons meet Tuesday evening at 7:15 for visitations.

OTHER: Eula Goad is a patient at Memorial Hospital and Adelia Truitt at County . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 1977

Hebrews 12:1-6

Christian living is like running a marathon. The arena around us is full of spectators. But our eye is not set on them. Instead, like a good athlete, we are concentrating on the goal ahead and on the runner at the head of the race, "looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfector of the faith." Christ sets the pace and determines our goal. We have cast aside every hindrance—self-indulgent sin and lack of spiritual discipline—and are sticking to our course until we finish the race and hear our Leader say, "Well done! Receive the winner's crown."

WITNESS OF 10,000 PERSONS

When the Tenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ first identified world hunger as a priority concern, some persons wondered what the church could do to lift this important issue to high visibility. Some said that it couldn't be done, that church people were too apathetic to personally relate themselves to such overwhelming need. But the people of Washington-North Idaho Conference, working through United Ministries, the cooperative agency in which we work together with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in that region, and working with other concerned persons, proved that something could be done.

On November 24, 1975, approximately 10,000 persons participated in a statewide "Fast for the Hungry." Approximately 400 local churches served as sponsors and helped to raise $40,000 which was sent through the Washington Council of Churches to help local food banks in the state and to help send overseas a load of wheat which had earlier been collected by Washington farmers.

When 10,000 concerned persons thus "speak" of their common concern, the world listens! What is the message about world hunger which you would have the world hear? Speak up!

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SIT AT TABLE IN THE KINGDOM



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Barbara Elzey and Melanie Artley, Acolytes

September 4, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE O Depth of Love Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: "Let The Whole Creation Sing"
Pastor: God calls on us to ask him for what we think we need.
People: May he give us, then, understanding minds to discern between good and evil and resolute wills that we may do the good.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting)

*HYMN 328 "The Lord is Rich and Merciful"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 4:1-16

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 20:1-16

ANTHEM My Song Forever Shall Record Praetorius

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Hymn 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory "Trio for Organ" C.P.E. Bach
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Strangeness in the World of Work

*HYMN 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Howard Loy and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Maude Sharpe Powell by the Family.

TODAY: 12:30 The Music Committee will go to Winston-Salem for an organ recital.
5:00 Church Family Softball at College Field.
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE and Board of Deacons meet Tuesday evening at 7:15 for visitation.

THE YOUTH CHOIRS for grades 1-8 will meet Wednesday at 3:15 in the Updyke Choral Center. This is the first rehearsal of the fall and we need to learn how many young people will be participating in the Choirs. Mary Anne Johnston is the director.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE meets Wednesday evening at 8:30 in the library.

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS of the Church School will be installed to office next Sunday as a part of our Morning Worship.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 1977

LUKE 13:22-30

"Where are you coming from?" is our way of asking, "What predisposes you to think, feel, and act the way you do?" Jesus sees that question as crucial. He compared God's reign with a Heavenly Banquet where those who want "in" will be asked: "Where are you coming from?" Anyone who comes from indolence and evil will face a closed door. But, whether they be rich or poor, questioning or pious, lowly or elect, offbeat or conventional, all who come from a penitent and persistent quest for righteousness and mercy will be invited in, to "sit at table in the kingdom."

JUSTICE FOR BUS DRIVERS IN HONG KONG

In recent years, Hong Kong has experienced high unemployment and a resultant increase in the exploitation of its labor force. One example: A Kowloon bus company fired its regular drivers without notice and then offered to rehire them on less favorable terms. The proposed three-year contract specifically excluded paid sick-leave, health, pension, and death benefits to which the drivers had formerly been entitled.

With the help of the Christian Industrial Committee, an agency related to the Hong Kong Christian Council, which we support through the United Church Board for World Ministries, the drivers sought and secured just compensation for their firing and a review of the exploitive policy. Efforts continue to bring both justice and reconciliation between labor and management in this and similar situations.

The securing of justice and the furthering of human dignity are important ministries of Our Christian World Mission.

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Dan Hamilton and Luci Atkinson, Acolytes

September 11, 1977 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: Allegro in G Major Vivaldi
Choral Introit: "Let The Whole Creation Sing"
Call to Worship:
Pastor: Let us learn from the example of Jesus whose care and concern for others were founded on love for God.
People: We join together in thought, in affection, in word and song, to praise the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to worship him in spirit and truth.

PRAISE

Prayer of Invocation
*Hymn 15 "Praise To The Lord, the Almighty"
* Affirmation of Faith The Statement of Faith
*Gloria Patri

MEDITATION

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem Amazing Grace Arr. Davis

SHARING

Installation of Church School Officers and Teachers
Announcements
Ritual of Friendship
*Doxology
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Siciliene Buxtehude

Prayer of Consecration
Hymn 435 "This Is My Father's World"

HEARING

Scripture Matthew 10:24-42
Sermon Dangers of Attending Church School
Prayer

DEDICATION

*Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"
*Benediction
*Choral Response Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. We welcome the return of students and faculty of Elon College. We hope you will consider membership or associate membership here. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Mark and Kate McAdams. Greeters of the Day are A. L. Hook and Ralph Oxford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Lois Bost in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams and Reverend and Mrs. Thomas P. Inabinett.

TODAY: 12:15 Covered dish luncheon in the Parish House in honor of the Church School officers and teachers.
12:30 The Music Committee will go to Winston-Salem for an organ recital.
7:30 Women's Fellowship Executive Board

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 1977

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

How set we get on being Number One! We "trade up" cars, move from one house in "upward mobility" to another, scramble up the corporate or social ladder, strain to consume more, each succeeding year. And, if we, ourselves, can't make it, we identify with something that can. Our maneuvering for "places of honor" is ludicrous, and Jesus' advice on how to get the best seat at a banquet would be hilarious but for the need to take seriously the suggestion that we learn to live with what we already have, the place where we now live, and who we really are.

SEMINARIANS WHO WILL NOT BE DENIED

Last year, the economy of Mexico suffered a dramatic upheaval. The peso dropped 110% in relation to the U.S. dollar. Savings were eroded and prices skyrocketed. Every institution in Mexico suffered, including those institutions related to the church.

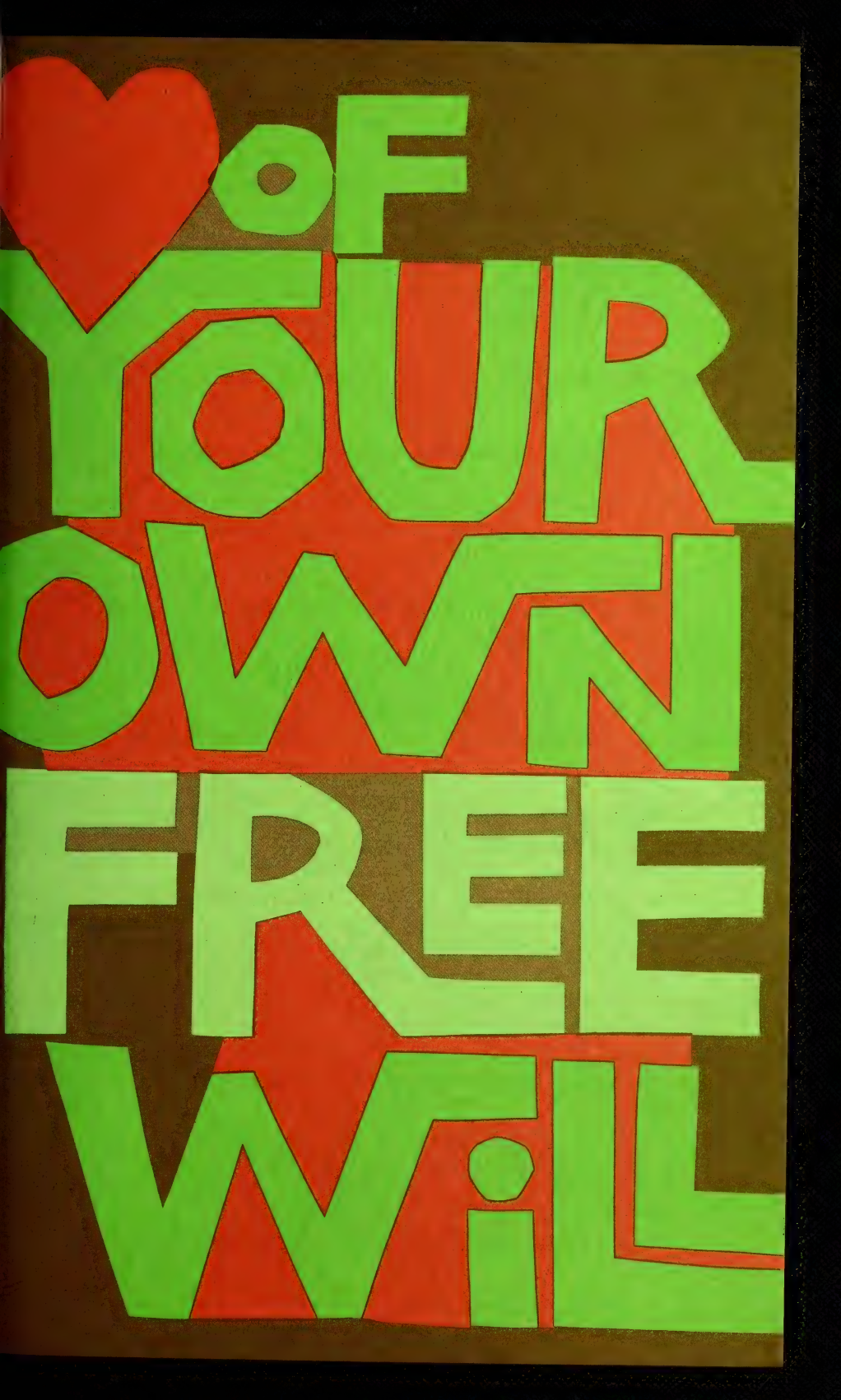
Union Seminary in Mexico City was forced to close its doors for the year, jeopardizing the theological education of its resident students and also that of hundreds of part-time extension students scattered throughout the country. Such was the motivation of these extension students, however, that they would not be denied their education and, because of their persistence the Theological-Education-by-Extension program begun by the Seminary continues, though without the usual supervision from Mexico City. Some of these students are already embarked on full-time ministries and their influence is felt throughout the church.

Theological-Education-by-Extension is the worthy successor to a variety of programs for ministerial training which have been supported by our United Church Board for World Ministries for sixty years in Mexico.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina
Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Mark Ellis and Jeff Price, Acolytes

September 18, 1977 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: Be Thou My Vision Young
Choral Introit: My Song Forever Shall Record
Call to Worship:
Pastor: God gives gifts to the people he calls- the gifts each person needs to do the work God summons him to do.
People: The one gift he gives to everyone-and the one gift everyone needs - is his greatest gift: the gift of love.

PRAISE

Prayer of Invocation
*Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
*Affirmation of Faith The Statement of Faith
*Gloria Patri

MEDITATION

The Pastoral Prayer
Memorial Prayers of Thanksgiving
for the life of Martha Roller Keppler
born November 13, 1898 - died September 13, 1977
Anthem Out of The Deep Schmutzler
(Winifred Barney, Contralto)

SHARING

Announcements
Ritual of Friendship
*Doxology
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory O Lord of Hosts Dvorak
Prayer of Consecration
Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

HEARING

Scripture I Corinthians 12:27-31; Philemon 4-17
Sermon Raising Your Standard of Living

DEDICATION

*Hymn 322 "Jesus Calls Us"

*Benediction

*Choral Response, Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Mark and Kate McAdams. Greeters of the Day are Howard Edgerton and Tom Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Polly T. Marino, Mrs. Menta Tapscott, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Sr., by the Phil Marino, Jr. Family.

TODAY: 4:30 Church Family Softball at College Field
6:00 The Community Service Committee will meet at Harden Cottage for ice cream, cookies, and fellowship.

TUESDAY 10:00 The Fun Club meets in the Library
7:15 Outreach Committee and Deacons' Visitations

WEDNESDAY 3:15 Youth Choir
7:30 Adult Choir

THURSDAY 7:30 The Cub Pack meets in the Parish House

HOSPITALIZED: Bert Barbee, John Baxter, Betty Brandt, and J. Lohr Dixon are patients at Memorial.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rose and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. upon the birth of Amy Elizabeth Rose on September 13.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Jon White upon the birth of a daughter on September 16. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack White and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stickles are great-grandparents.

AN AGAPE COURSE (Adult Growth and Parent Education) is meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 at Johnston Hall at the Elon Home for Children. Either or both parents are invited. Registration fee is five dollars for the eight sessions. The course is led by Robert Stogner.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 18, 1977

PHILEMON 8-17

Onesimus was the slave of Philemon, a Christian in Colossae. He ran away to live among Christians in Rome, about whose outlook toward outcasts Onesimus had heard. Paul, a prisoner in Rome, converted Onesimus. He persuaded him to return to Philemon with a letter that urged Philemon not to punish Onesimus, but to free him to be Paul's co-worker. "Onesimus" means "useful." At stake was Philemon's consent to liberate a human to live out his name. In 110 A.D., an Ephesian bishop was named Onesimus. He may have been the man Philemon freed.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR AMERICAN INDIANS?

Today, from coast to coast, American Indians are demanding — and receiving — a hearing of their claims to treaty rights and just treatment under the law. What can you do to help them?

You can insist upon fairness and justice whenever Indian rights conflict with the desires and claims of non-Indian neighbors. You can recognize and help others to recognize that hereditary land, water, and mineral rights granted through treaty with the United States Government cannot justly be ignored or unilaterally cancelled. You can learn more about Indian cultures and beliefs, granting respect to persons whose traditional ways differ from your own.

You can support the efforts of the Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ to sustain and develop the leadership of our Indian congregations, to support counseling and other services to Indians in urban areas, and to speak to the larger issues of our day. Your gifts to the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering help to support the Council's work.

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Greg Price and Chris Vickers, Acolytes

September 25, 1977 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: Bless The Father, O My Soul Hedhge
Choral Introit: Holy, Holy, Holy
Call to Worship:
Pastor: Who would be in search of God's grace and goodness? He is everywhere to be found but especially in this house of worship.
People: As seekers of God, we would come then to find God and to praise him in worship.

PRAISE

Prayer of Invocation
*Hymn 503 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
*Affirmation of Faith The Statement of Faith
*Gloria Patri

MEDITATION

The Silent Prayers
The Pastoral Prayer
Anthem The Dulcimer Sweet Davis

SHARING

Announcements
Ritual of Friendship
*Doxology
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Adagio in c minor Mendelssohn
Prayer of Consecration
Hymn 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

HEARING

Scripture Reading Luke 15; I Timothy 1:12-17
Sermon Do Not Detach

DEDICATION

*Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"
*Benediction
*Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, inviting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Mark and Kate McAdams. Greeters of the Day are Mack Lackey and Bill Blanchard.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Jr. by Mary Lee Foster.

TODAY: 1:30 The Music Committee will go to Winston-Salem to hear an organ.
4:00 New and experienced acolytes.
5:00 Church Family Softball at College Field.
8:00 Organ Committee.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE and Board of Deacons will meet Tuesday evening at 7:15 for visitations.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS for those considering church membership begin next Sunday during the Church School Hour. We invite any of our visitors to join us for these sessions. New members will be received Oct. 30.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the ENC Association will be held October 5 at Church of the Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines.

HOSPITALIZED: John Baxter at Duke.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated here next Sunday.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 1977

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

Grace: extra time to pay an insurance premium; easy flow in the line of a staircase; the name given a child in anticipation of winning charm; a prayer of gratitude at mealtime. But "the grace of our Lord," what is that? That grace is like an ocean by whose edge our life is set. We can neither plumb its depth nor encompass its width. But its tides flood us with mercy. God's grace: patience beyond our dalliance and sin; joy beyond the brightest hope; love beyond any merit; rescue when least we expect it. The grace of our Lord be with you always.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT

Ministers and church educators of the United Church of Christ in Southwest Wisconsin were surveyed last year to discover what they felt about Christian education.

These leaders agreed that church education programs should focus on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and draw implications for today. They believed that Christian education experiences should provide fundamental motivation for significant life experiences. Ministers called for experiences to be keyed to helping children feel loved, while lay educators placed somewhat more emphasis on subject content.

The survey gave top priority to the need for prepared teaching staffs and called for local training of church school teachers and a permanent educational resource-center close at hand. The survey also called for greater parental participation, personal testimony, and support.

Yes, Christian education is important—to us all!

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October 2, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thee We Adore Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 5)

Pastor: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power, wealth, wisdom,
might, honor, glory, and blessing...
And I heard every creature saying;

People: "To him who sits upon the throne and
to the Lamb be blessing, honor, glory,
and might forever and ever. Amen."

Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 9:13-15

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 6:1-11

ANTHEM Jesu, Word of God Incarnate Mozart

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Fantasia in f minor - Adagio Mozart

* Congregational Response--We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

MEDITATION Our Symbol of Community

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

The Invitation of Christ

Communion Collect

General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, P. 495

Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 414 "In Christ There is no East or West"

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (all uniting)
Remind us, Lord, of the things we mean to do
and the ways we mean to mend.
Renew in us a right spirit
for our work in the world. Amen.
BENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "Open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. J. Fred Young.
TODAY: 5:00 - Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 - Board of Deacons
CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".
ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for your special offering to Neighbors-in-Need.
OTHER: The Finance Committee meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The ENC Association meeting is Wednesday at Southern Pines...Our pastor will be one of the escorts for the Heritage Bus Tour to St. Louis October 7-14. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the office secretary. Dr. J. Earl Danieley will lead our Service of Worship next Sunday...Orientation Sessions for those considering church membership will continue each Sunday this month at 9:45 a.m....The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Birdie Crutchfield and family upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Cora Lee Painter of Durham, on September 27...Statements of Financial contributions for the past quarter are available in the narthex today.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
NEIGHBORS IN NEED SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 1977

I TIMOTHY 2:1-8

Community and Communion root in "common unity." In our communities we manifest our unity by sharing streets, schools, and other services. Our unity as Christians is shown in our acknowledgment of kinship in Christ, whom we join at his table. In Communion, we affirm our faith in "one mediator" between God and humankind. That mediation is not directed only to the one-fourth of the world called "Christian." God "desires that all people be saved." Let this World Communion foreshadow the Heavenly Banquet where all people are to find welcome.

PROVIDING HELP FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR

Today, many congregations will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Many congregations, too, will participate in the Neighbors in Need all-church offering. The two emphases are complementary. Holy Communion has always had a vertical and a horizontal dimension, has always been intended to demonstrate both communion with God and oneness with humanity. Today, through your participation in the Neighbors in Need offering, you can make visible your concern for your neighbors in several important ways. You will help to provide:

- *Action Against Child Abuse in Our Nation.* Pastors and lay persons will be trained to provide early identification and aid.
- *Counseling for Teenagers in Pregnancy Cases.* Model counseling and caring centers will be supported in selected poverty areas.
- *Development of American Indian Leadership.* The work of 21 small Indian congregations will be strengthened and greater understanding and justice will be promoted.
- *Food Production for the Needy in Puerto Rico.* A demonstration and teaching farm will be located at the church-owned Yuquiyu Conference Center.

Expand your service to humanity through your gifts to Neighbors in Need!

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Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, Youth Choir Director
Alan Young and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

October 9, 1977 Laity Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thankful People, Sing and Praise
Mackelberghe

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 92:1,2 Mr. Harper
Choir: "Come, Let us Sweetly Join" Youth Choirs
Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to his name;
People: to declare his steadfast love in the
morning and his faithfulness by night.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 6 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 139:1-12,23,24

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 7

ANTHEM Tallis' Canon Combined Choirs

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Morning Prayer

THE OFFERING
Offertory Chorale for Organ Tartini

* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN 234 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

SERMON Will The REAL YOU Please Stand Up?
Dr. Danieley

*HYMN 349 "O For A Closer Walk With God"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response: Holy, Holy, Holy

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Howard and Virginia Richardson. Greeters of the Day are Leroy Hughes and Howard Loy. Seated as a group are members of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority of Elon College.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard A. Hunter by Dorothy Hunter Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

THANKS to Dr. J. Earl Danieley and Ken Harper who are leading our Service of Worship. Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton are escorting the Heritage Bus Tour to St. Louis and will return on Thursday.

TODAY: 12:00 Board of Deacons
4:00 The series of "P.M. Bible Studies" begins today, meeting in the Updyke Choral Center.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Library-Conference Room.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS for those considering church membership are being held each Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Library-Conference Room. The invitation is open to all.

PLEASE SECURE from the narthex your statement of financial contributions for the third quarter.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 9, 1977

I TIMOTHY 6:11-16

The New Testament word "laos" refers to *all* of God's people. It is laden with honor and hope. Our modern word "laity" simply denotes non-professionals. It implies an apology, a disclaimer, and a self-fulfilling put-down. Laity assume that only ordained clergy can do the *important* work in a church and abandon that work to the clergy. We need clergy who equip laity for work, and laity who work to be equipped. Ordained or not, we are *all* God's laity. God calls us *all* to be just, to serve others, and to witness to faith in Christ, the King of kings.

A WARM "ALOHA" AND A GIFT OF LOVE

When Annie Kanahele, a longtime member of the Kaumakapili Church in Honolulu, celebrated her eightieth birthday, friends brought her a gift, a "lei" of dollar bills adding up to $80. Mrs. Kanahele, conscious of the difference which education had made in her own life, sent the gift — with a special "aloha" — to the 17/76 Achievement Fund of the United Church of Christ.

Born into poverty on the Island of Hawaii, Mrs. Kanehele had to struggle to get the education which qualified her to become a teacher and then a principal. "I thank God," she says, "for the school and the church. These have enabled me to serve the people of Hawaii during the years that God has given me. I pray that my gift to the 17/76 Achievement Fund may help some other student. To that unknown young person, whose name I may never know and whose face I shall never see, I send my warm aloha with this gift of love my friends have given me."

Individuals and congregations which pledged to the 17/76 Achievement Fund are reminded that the payment period continues for three years after the initial campaign. Help is still needed in order for the Fund to reach its goal.

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Luci Atkinson and Beth Barbee, Acolytes

October 16, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To God the Father, We Humbly Pray Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: "Summer Ended, Harvest O'er"
Pastor: Who does not have a question? Who is not perplexed by some teaching? No one is without times of question, of doubt, of challenge or rebellion.
People: Our faith is in Christ, our gift from the Father above. To him we turn for support and assurance. Him we would worship in fullness of faith.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 348 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT READING II Timothy 1:3-12

ANTHEM All Nature's Works His Praise Declare Young

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING
Offertory Maestoso in c minor Boellmann
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN 238 "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

SERMON Written Large

HYMN 93 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response: Holy, Holy, Holy

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Hostesses are Ann Martin and Nannie D. Reitzel. Greeters of the Day are Gene Lankford and Bill Terrell.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Alexander and Family.

TODAY: 4:00 The "P.M. Bible Studies" meets in the Updyke Choral Center.

THANKS to Dr. J. Earl Danieley and Ken Harper for leading our Service of Worship last Sunday and to Rev. J.C. Dollar for providing pastoral services during the absence of our pastor.

THE FUN CLUB will hold an excursion to Old Salem on Tuesday. Please meet in the parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS for those considering church membership are being held each Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Library-Conference Room. The invitation is open to all.

PLEASE SECURE from the narthex your statement of financial contributions for the third quarter.

LATE THIS WEEK you will receive by mail information concerning the Every Member Canvass. The proposed budget is presented for your consideration and study.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 1977

2 TIMOTHY 1:3-12

What to do when the first flush of faith fades and grows gray? Timothy was a third-generation Christian. If the flame of Pentecost could flicker so soon and by the Second Century need to be rekindled, what about the faith of this sixty-fifth generation of Christians? Our best hope may consist in the fact that Christian faith is not our achievement, but is "the gift of God." Habakkuk seems to have it straight: if the vision "awaits its time . . . wait for it." Faith: the waiting game. Faith: the kindling of God. Faith: the game waiting.

A FIVE-PRONGED ATTACK ON WORLD HUNGER

Through the Hunger Action Fund, members of the United Church of Christ have mounted a five-pronged attack on world hunger. The Hunger Action Fund of our denomination helps to:

- raise consciousness of U.C.C. members to worldwide hunger problems and encourages lifestyle modification as one part of the Christian answer.
- advocate citizen action for public policies which seek to resolve domestic and world hunger in the context of development, international economic cooperation, and social justice.
- coordinate the allocation of U.C.C. personnel and funds available for combating world hunger through programs of aid and development in the U.S. and throughout the world.
- contribute to a deeper understanding of the ethical issues related to world hunger by initiating or collaborating in theological and ethical studies.
- increase substantially the giving of United Church of Christ members for hunger-related activities and programs.

You can be part of this denomination-wide effort through your congregation's participation in the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund.

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Gray Lackey and Greg Price, Acolytes

October 23, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choir: "Come, My Soul, Thou must be Waking"
Pastor: Is there just one day to be thankful? Shall we not thank the Lord today for all the good he has done for us?
People: Today is truly a Day of the Lord. Let us give thanks to him, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

OLD TESTAMENT READING II Kings 5:9-17

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 17:11-19

ANTHEM O Thou Diviner Mystery Young

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING
Offertory Agnus Dei Lizst
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

SERMON The Basic Blessing

HYMN 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response: Glory to God

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. We are pleased to have some of the members of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority of Elon College seated as a group. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Bill and Bessie Sloan. Greeters of the Day are George Noah and A. L. Hook.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Howard and Page Edgerton in memory of their sisters, Ruth Edgerton and Polly Jarrell.

TODAY: 1:30 The Music Committee will go to Greensboro to hear an organ.
4:00 "P.M. Bible Studies" in the Updyke Choral Center.
7:00 Community Service Committee in the Library Conference Room.

THE CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of the Burlington area will meet Thursday evening at 7 at Union Ridge Church for their quarterly dinner meeting. Reservations may be placed through the church office.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mabel Veazey and Family upon the death of Rev. Guy H. Veazey on October 19. Memorial Services were held here Friday.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
UNITED NATIONS DAY

OCTOBER 23, 1977

LUKE 17:11-19

They were unlikely types, those ten diseased half-breeds. "Unclean! Unclean!" And, being Samaritans, they were outsiders to Israel, with little claim on Jesus. Besides, ninety percent of them were ingrates. Even so, Jesus responded with help when they cried, "Master have mercy!" What is it to be like Christ? Is it not to show compassion and mercy like that? Is it not to anticipate that many to whom we show compassion and mercy may not thank us for it? Is it not to go on being compassionate and merciful as much as if we had been thanked?

ANOTHER ASPECT OF STEWARDSHIP

One aspect of stewardship — for a Christian — is the one related to voluntary giving to church and community causes. Another aspect is the non-voluntary giving to important social service and development programs through one's taxes. United States support for the United Nations Development Programme is one example of such stewardship.

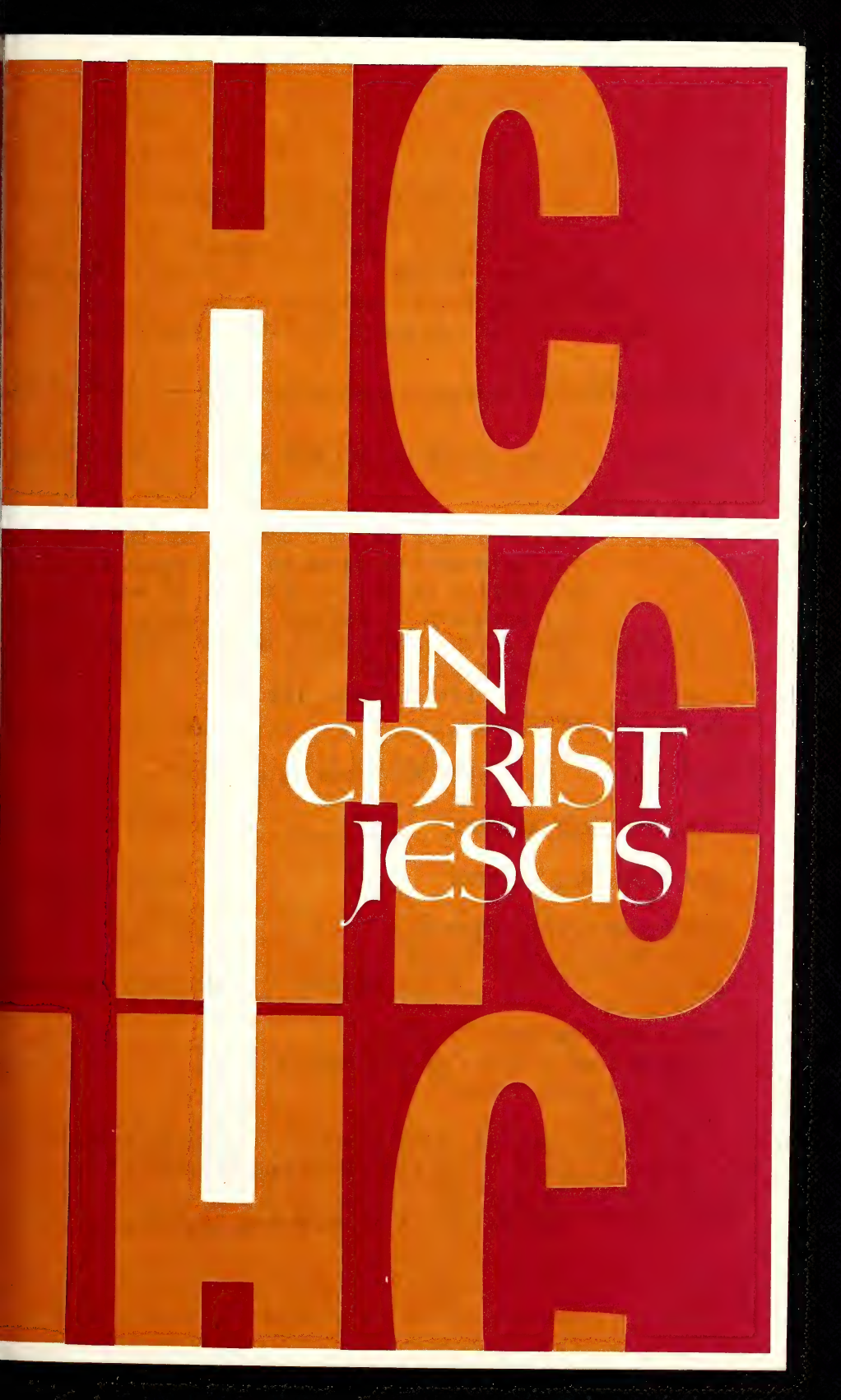
The United Nations works with over 140 governments and with two-dozen international agencies for faster economic growth and better standards of living throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and parts of Europe. To this end, its Development Programme supports some 8,000 projects in agriculture, industry, education, power production, communications, health, public administration, housing, trade, and related fields. During the next five years, about 80 percent of this assistance will go to countries whose per capita Gross National Product is less than $300.

Through our United Church Board for World Ministries, which is represented in the Non-Governmental Organizations group at the United Nations, we have opportunity to consult with and offer advice on many United Nations programs. The United Nations often shares one of the major goals we have in many of our church programs: the improvement of life for all people.

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October 30, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God Arr. Young

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: If God be for us, who can be against us? The Reformation turns us once again to the Christ of the Scriptures, in whom all promises of God are fulfilled.
People: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and we shall be renewed.
Choir: "We Praise Thee, Lord"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 363 "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 3:19-28

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
* The Statement of Faith
ANTHEM O How Amiable Vaughan Williams

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
THE OFFERING
Offertory Anthem Sine Nomine Vaughan Williams
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN 381 "My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff"

SERMON Welcome to this Ministry

*HYMN 470 "God of the Prophets"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response: Glory to God

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Earl Wright Vickers, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vickers, Jr. and sons.

TODAY: 1:00 The Music Committee will go to Winston-Salem to hear an organ.
4:00 Acolytes
4:00 "P.M. Bible Studies" in the Library, led by Verona Danieley.
8:00 Organ Committee

WE RECEIVE TODAY as members of our church by Letter of Transfer Mrs. Frank Caporelli, Ms. Pam Dann, and Mrs. Barry Oxford and by Profession or Re-Affirmation of Faith Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Easton, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Maggio, and Matthew Maggio. Associate members received are Frank Caporelli, Janet Lyons, and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell, Jr.

OTHER: Circle Five meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Mrs. Mae Jeffreys...1978 Pledges should be submitted next Sunday or earlier...Sarah Primm is a patient at Memorial Hospital...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30, 1977

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2

Hans Küng is a Roman Catholic scholar who teaches theology at the University of Tübingen. Let Father Küng underline for us an important part of Christian life. He says that, from the very first, the Christian message spread with speed because all followers of Jesus — not just apostles and evangelists, but merchants, soldiers, housewives, and seafarers — preached and taught the gospel. In Christ Jesus, they were made prophets and priests to speak the word urgently. This, says Father Küng, is what the "priesthood of all believers" must mean today.

REFORMATION AND CHURCH RENEWAL

Historically, the Protestant Reformation was an instance of church renewal. Today, we understand this renewal more as a process than as an event, a process in which we ourselves can participate.

A number of congregations, like that of the Church of the Manger in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, initiate such a renewal process by inviting members to join the church for only a year at a time as truly active and participating members. The congregation is a loving, spiritual, sharing relationship among members who annually "own" a covenant to serve the Lord through the congregation's service and witness.

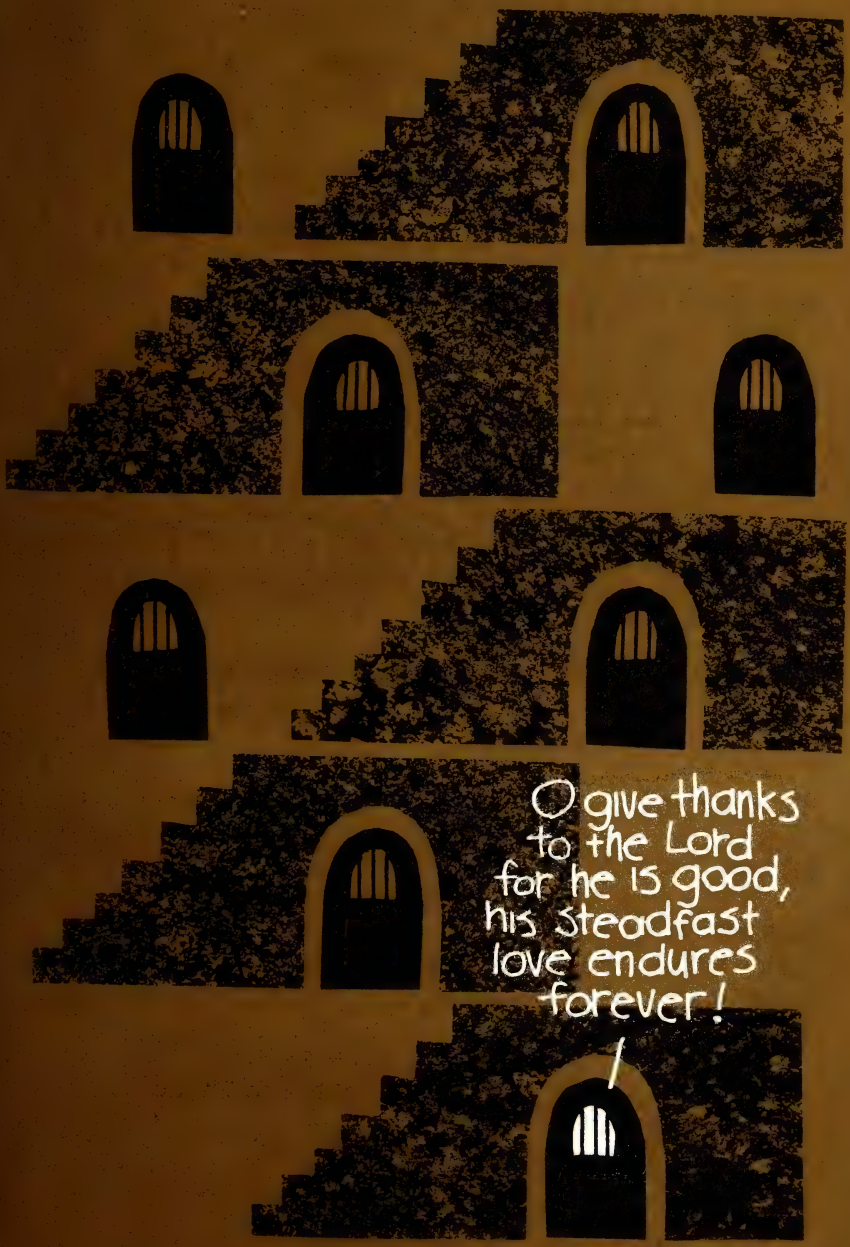
Reformation Day is also an ideal time to renew your own personal covenant with your Lord. Reformation Day can thus have both a corporate and an individual dimension.

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I have kept the faith



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Greg Price and Gray Lackey, Acolytes

November 6, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE I Will Sing Thee Songs of Gladness Dvorak

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: God has not given up on us. That's a fact! He casts no shadow by turning away from us. No matter how prodigal we have been, still he comes, still he abides with us.
People: Come, then, let us give of ourselves in worship. He is our God and we are his people.
Choir: "We Praise Thee, Lord"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting)
*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 10:16-22

NEW TESTAMENT READING II Timothy 4:1-8,16-18

ANTHEM Solo Blessed Jesus Faure
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
THE OFFERING
Offertory Into Thy Presence We Come Bach
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

SERMON We Do Not Give Up

*HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response: God Be With You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Lila Claire Newman by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler, Jr. and daughters.

TODAY: 4:00 "P.M. Bible Studies" in the library, led by Dr. Fred Young.
7:30 Board of Deacons

PLEDGES are received today for the 1978 Proposed Church Budget. Copies of the budget and pledge cards have been mailed to the membership. Additional cards are available in the narthex. To date, pledges have been submitted by 70 of our families.

FAMILY NIGHT will be next Sunday evening at 6:00 in the Parish House. Please bring your favorite covered dish. Table service and beverage will be provided by the Finance Committee.

THE TUESDAY CIRCLES meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 6, 1977

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

A New Testament writer has Paul say, "I have fought the good fight . . . finished the race . . . kept the faith." You could claim that for Paul. He endured hardship, planted churches from Antioch to Rome, preached mercy, practiced compassion, and died a martyr. Some of us, however, have to pray, "God, be merciful to me a sinner," and we are not breast-beaters. We have lost many rounds. We stumble through life. We try to keep one foot in the faith and the other on our own careering way. Our best hope is to admit our need and to seek the mercy offered in Christ.

SELFLESS SERVICE IN TURKEY

For more than a century, the United Church Board for World Ministries has been engaged in educational work in Turkey. Recently, however, major responsibility for management and finance of our secondary schools has been delegated to a new, predominately Turkish, Board of Governors, thus symbolizing a new era of partnership and cooperation.

The schools, Uskudar American Academy for Girls, Izmir American Collegiate Institute, and Tarsus American School, maintain a high standard of academic excellence and, in addition, have built a reputation for selfless community service.

At Uskudar, for example, students of the Orphanage Club and of the Deaf and Dumb School Assistance Club have raised money for needed equipment at nearby institutions, have participated in special programs there, and have spent hours of time and immense energy working with individual children in their spare time.

Our Turkish partners say that the schools could not continue without the capable and dedicated sort of teachers recruited by the United Church Board for World Ministries. It is their example of selfless service to others which is reflected in the school's community service projects and which makes the educational experience at these schools unique in Turkey.

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I must stay at your house today

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Greg Price and Alan Young, Acolytes

November 13, 1977 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Blessed Be The Name of God Scheutz

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Take time to survey the horizon. Look up and take in the sights and sounds and feelings around us. Be aware of who you are and who you are with.
People: May our words and meditations be acceptable to you, O God, for you are our Strength and our Redeemer.
Choir: "Let Us With A Gladsome Mind"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting)
*HYMN 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 34:5-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:1-10

ANTHEM Not Alone For Mighty Empire Haydn

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
THE OFFERING
Offertory Sanctus Lizst
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 98 "My God, I Thank Thee"

SERMON I'd Like to be a Tree-gazer

HYMN 383 "Forward Through The Ages"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response: Holy, Holy, Holy

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt in memory of their mothers, Mrs. Alice Brehle and Mrs. Marie VanVolkom.

TODAY: 2:30 Workshop on Shared Approaches in Senior Hi Classroom.
4:00 "P.M. Bible Studies" in the library, led by Mary Graham Mackintosh.
6:00 Family Night in the Parish House
7:00 Music Committee

THE FAMILY NIGHT this evening will be a covered dish supper. Table service and beverage will be provided by the Finance Committee. A report will be given on pledges for next year.

PLEDGES have been received from 125 of our families with about 45 to go. If you are in the latter group, please submit your pledge today.

THE FUN CLUB will hold a covered dish Thanksgiving luncheon Tuesday at noon in the Choral Center.

HOSPITALIZED: Maggie Oakley and Fred Loy at Memorial.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 13, 1977

LUKE 19:1-10

Jericho's chief tax collector was up a tree. Rich and powerful he was. But compatriots hated him for being a traitor and a cutthroat. In their eyes, his low morals matched his short legs. Then Jesus came to Jericho. The tax collector sought him and climbed a sycamore to catch sight of Jesus in the crowd. Now Jesus sought the tax collector, called him from his tree, shocked the crowd by going to his home, and answered his eager welcome with the gift of salvation. That day Zaccheus, Jericho's villain, became a just and compassionate man.

SHARE THE GIFT

Most Christians are thankful for God's gift of Christ. In our churches we frequently recall that this Gift of Gifts has been shared with us and with all people. But how often do we think about how we ourselves are called by God to share the precious gift of Christ's presence with others who have not yet experienced it?

We **share the gift** when we act in Christlike ways to persons whom we meet in the course of our daily lives.

We **share the gift** when we shape our lives to include deeds of loving service to those about us who may be in some special need: the poor, the sick, the physically or mentally handicapped, the exploited.

We **share the gift** when we use our time and our money in the service of Christ's church — both within our own community and beyond — through Our Christian World Mission.

We **share the gift** when we do something to improve the well-being of our world — its people and its natural resources.

In what ways are you now sharing the gift? In what ways will you commit yourself to share the gift of Christ in the days and in the year ahead?

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Mary Anne Johnston, Youth Choral Director
Chris Vickers and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

November 20, 1977 Thanksgiving Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Toccata in G Major Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: "When the apples were all gathered..." I suppose it's about time for Thanksgiving.
People: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endures forever. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise: be thankful to him, and bless his name.
Choir: "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting)
*HYMN 21 "We Gather Together"

OLD TESTAMENT READING I Chronicles 29:10-13
Youth Choir Anthem A Joyous Psalm E. Butler
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 12:13-21
Responsive Reading "A Celebration of the Bible"
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
THE OFFERING
Offertory Anthem Sing to The Lord of Harvest Willan
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 464 "Praise To God, Immortal Praise"

SERMON The Cost of Thanksgiving

HYMN 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response: Glory To God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John Powell in memory of his mother, Maude Sharpe Powell.

TODAY: 4:00"P.M. Bible Studies" in the library, led by Della Scott.
7:00 Community Service Committee
8:00 Organ Committee

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday for the purposes of electing officers and committee personnel and adopting a 1978 church budget.

PLEDGES for next year have been received from 134 of our families with totals as follows:

Current:	$34,499.50
Benevolent:	7,360.40
Building:	14,021.00

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS have been written by our members and prepared for distribution by the Spiritual Life Committee of the Women's Fellowship. Please receive your copy in the narthex.

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING for the Elon Home for children is received today. Our goal is to receive a minimum gift of $400. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20, 1977

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-3:5

Today, the Christian Year ends. Next Sunday, with Advent, we begin a new year. You enter a new year in hope; how do you mark an old year? You celebrate an old year by remembering. Remember God's covenant given to Noah, established in Abraham, confirmed in Israel, sealed in Christ, renewed with us. Remember loved ones who have died in the Lord and now inherit everlasting life. Remember the Ancient of Days who spans the generations: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob—us. Remember the sovereign purpose of God: there before creation, there over the horizon of all our years.

GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BROUGHT YOU FOOD

When you sit down to your Thanksgiving dinner this year, give thanks to God for the abundance with which your table is graced, and give a special thanks also for those who have produced your food.

Think of the farmers and ranchers, the products of whose labor you enjoy. Think also of the farm workers whose backbreaking labor has contributed to your abundance. And recall the peasant-farmers of other lands whose produce is set before you.

Do not forget the countless operators of granaries, workers in canneries, bakeries, and processing plants, the seamen and dockhands and truckers who have labored long to bring food to your table: the buyers and sellers, market managers and clerks who have helped along the way.

The church today stands beside them all as a reminder of the dignity of all who work the soil, all who tend the herds and flocks, all who process and transport the food we eat.

Give thanks to God for all who have labored, as you pause before Thanksgiving dinner. And ask that God may bless them and you as all of us are related to one another. What a real Thanksgiving that will be!

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November 27, 1977 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE From Heaven Above To Earth I Come Bach
Lighting The Advent Candle
*CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Lift up your eyes round about, and see.
People: Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter to praise the Lord.
Choir: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 7:10-1
* Gloria Patri, p. 513
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 24:36-4

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM p. 49
Hymn 277 "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"
* The Statement of Faith
ANTHEM SOLO Come to the Waters
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE OFFERING
Offertory Come, Savior of the Gentiles
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON His Name Shall Be Called Emmanuel

*HYMN 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shomaker, and her father, Mr. E. T. Murray.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered today to Amy Elizabeth Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rose. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. have placed a rose on the altar in her honor.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow our Service of Worship.

TODAY: 4:00 "P.M. Bible Studies" in the library, led by Nell Snyder.
4:00 Acolytes
7:00 Outreach Committee

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held in the Parish House Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow...The Adult Choir rehearses Wednesday evening at 7:00...Copies of The Conference News are available in the narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul B. Hartley and Eleanor C. Smith whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 1977

MATTHEW 24:36-44

It is easy to mark off the days until Christmas: to mail greetings, set up a tree, wrap gifts, and get in supplies for the holidays. But "the coming of the Son" is not so manageable. A rabbinical saying goes, "Three things come unexpectedly: Messiah, the discovery of treasure, and a scorpion." Thus, the Advent cry: "Watch!" Interrupt the routine of existing. Listen to the ancient hope. Look beneath life's surface for signs of God's life. "Watch!"

ADVENT: TIME TO WAIT

You and I know people who just will not wait.

At a traffic light, they race the engine of a car, ready to charge forward the instant the signal changes — or the second before.

In a restaurant, they can't wait while a creative chef cooks a culinary treat. So, from the kitchens they get pre-portioned, pre-cooked, fast-frozen food, processed in Omaha, Atlanta, or Los Angeles, to be warmed-over and quick-served in Framingham, Fresno, or Fort Wayne.

Eager to cash in on the Christmas trade, stores hang plastic decorations and blare carols over loudspeakers as early as November 1.

Congregations begin to celebrate Christmas with nativity songs as soon as the strains of "Come, Ye Thankful People" die away. This early use of Christmas music robs Christmas Day of its freshness and profound joy.

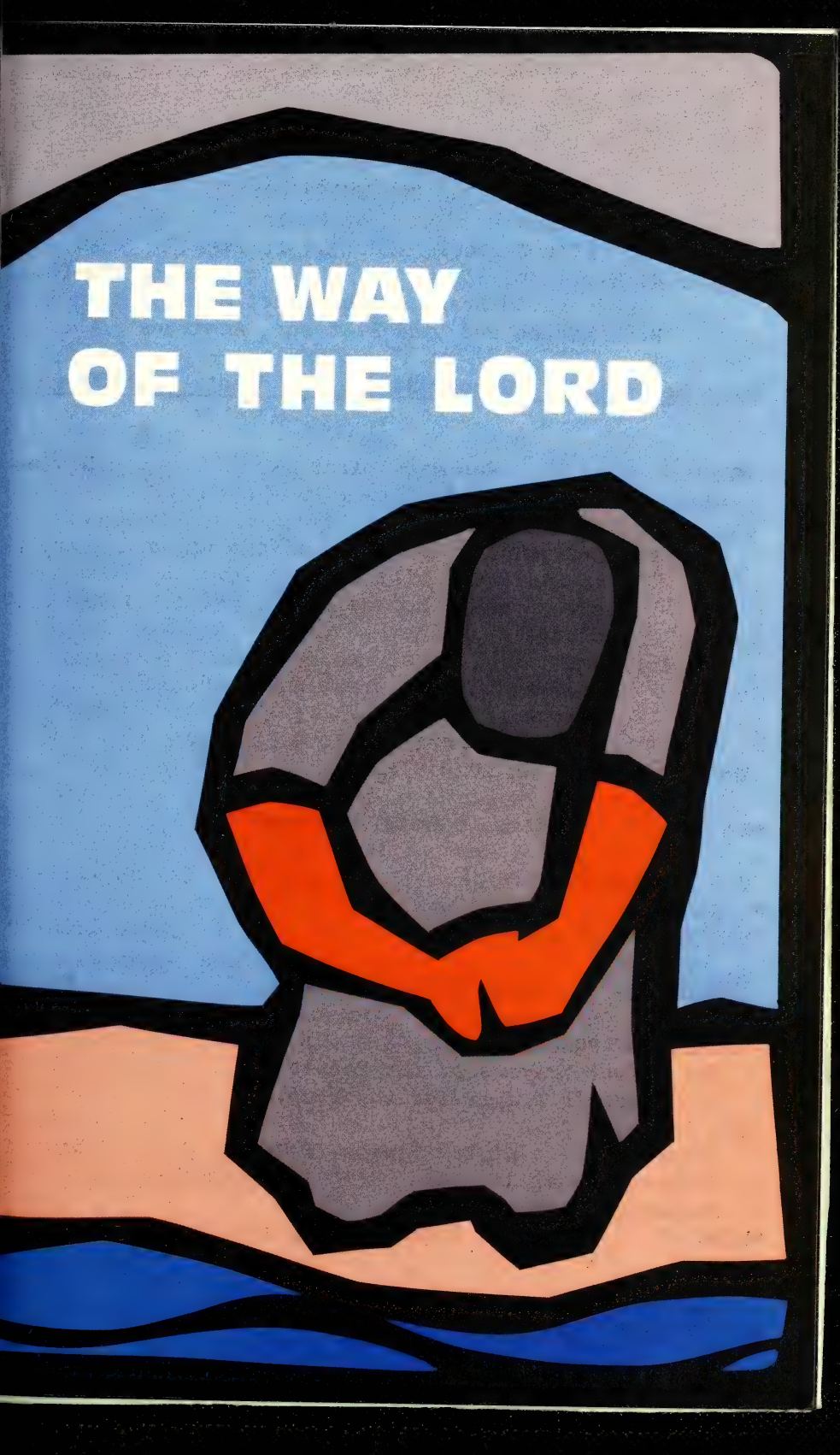
Advent is a time to "Wait!" — to ready one's soul by prayer, one's faith by reflecting on the prophets' hope and its fulfillment in Jesus. Advent is a season when, by action that is just, merciful, and loving, we get our lives and world ready for Christ's coming today. "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope."

Rev. George S. Siudy, Jr.
Secretary for Stewardship Education
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THE WAY OF THE LORD



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Beth Barbee and Luci Atkinson, Acolytes

December 4, 1977 Second Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Magnificat Nevins
Lighting The Advent Candles
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
People: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.
Choir: Of The Father's Love Begotten
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-10
* Gloria Patri, p. 513
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:68-79

ANTHEM Come Ye To Bethlehem Davis

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE OFFERING
Offertory Hills, Plains, Rejoice Nevins
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN 43 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

SERMON His Name Shall Be Called Dayspring

HYMN 198 "Christ Is the World's True Light"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Daniel Burchfield in memory of Captain Joe S. Burchfield and in honor of Jeffrey Burchfield.

TODAY: 12:00 Fellowship Time
4:00 "P.M. Bible Studies" in the library, led by Ruth Hurst.
7:30 Women's Fellowship Executive Board
7:30 Board of Deacons

OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME will be held in the Parish House at noon in recognition of our 1977 new members. You are asked to display your name tag.

THANKS to all who helped to make the Christmas Bazaar a large success.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the "Christmas In Elon" celebration Friday evening at 7:00 in front of Town Hall.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS have been written by our members and made available by the Spiritual Life Committee of the Women's Fellowship. The theme for this week is "Messiah".

OFFERING ENVELOPES for next year are available in the downstairs hallway.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
HEALTH AND WELFARE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 4, 1977

MATTHEW 3:1-12

How do we prepare "the way of the Lord?" Christ's way is prepared by our repentance of self-anxiety, destructive hate, exclusive love, obsession with "success," and the idolatry of business and politics that run on greed and on the lust for power. He moves toward us by way of our discernment of the mystery and of the love that lie at the core of existence. He draws near along the highway of our hope in God, who guides the years with a strong and purposeful hand. Over craggy hills and through shaded vales, Christ comes into this strange and rough world, bringing courage, peace, and joy.

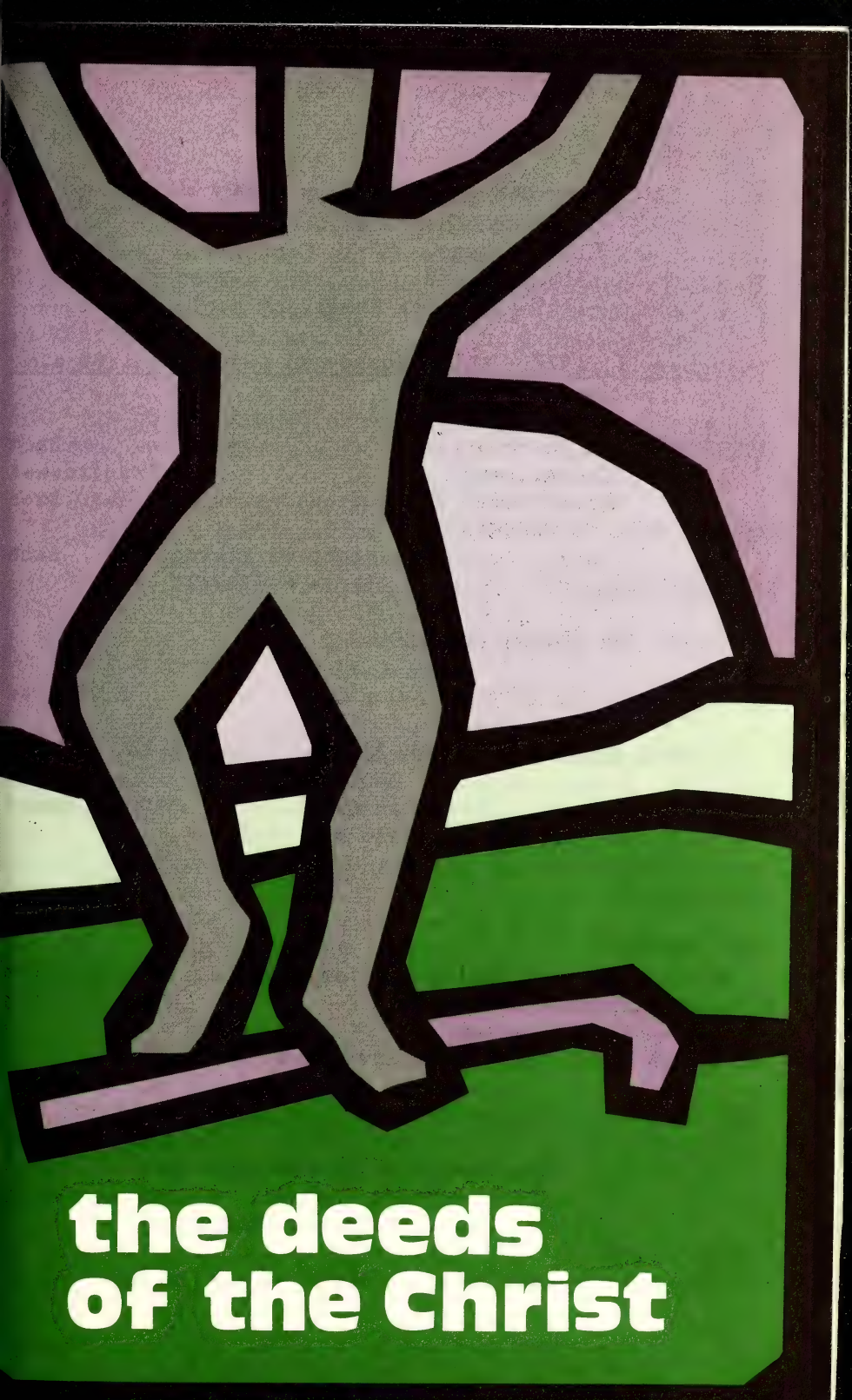
HEALTH CARE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

"Life," according to one sage, "is not merely being alive but being well." Evangelical Hospital Association (EHA) in suburban Chicago would certainly agree. Largest of the 110 agencies associated with our United Church of Christ Council for Health and Welfare Services, Evangelical Hospital Association has been contributing to the quality of life since 1906. EHA provides centralized management for Christ Hospital (815 beds) in Oak Lawn, Good Samaritan Hospital (287 beds) in Downers Grove, and Good Shepherd Hospital (166 beds), which is under construction near Barrington. The hospitals provide high-quality medical care and EHA's unified services help to control costs to patients.

In addition to the delivery of health care, EHA operates Evangelical School of Nursing and is associated for training medical personnel with the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. EHA also cooperates in a program of clinical-pastoral education with the Lutheran School of Theology.

Evangelical Hospital Association's motto, "Health Care in the Ministry of Christ," and its commitment to the care of the whole person, is reflected in the lives of nearly 35,000 patients served by EHA each year.

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December 11, 1977 Third Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE In Dulce Jubilo — Bach
Greensleeves — Traditional
Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light — Bach

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
Wake, Awake For Night is Flying — Bach

*PROCESSIONAL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

ANTHEM The Advent of Our God — E. Butler

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 35:1-6; John 1:1-18, 3:16,17

ANTHEMS Christmas Child — Youth Choir
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

PRAYER

THE OFFERING
Offertory Lullay, My Liking — G. Holst
* Congregational Response — The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 116 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

THE ORATORIO - Scenes from The Childhood of Christ — Hector Berlioz
The Stable at Bethlehem - Duet
The Shepherds Farewell - Chorus
Epilogue - Solo and Chorus

BENEDICTION
Choral Response - For you shall go out in joy.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. We are also pleased to welcome the Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority of Elon College. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Bill and Jackie Pendergrass. Greeters of the Day are Howard Edgerton and Howard Loy.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy in memory of their daughter, Janet Loy Faulkner.

TODAY: 12:00 Board of Deacons
4:00 "The Messiah"
5:30 Reception at the President's Home
7:00 "P.M. Bible Studies" in the library, led by Dr. Carole Chase.
8:00 Organ Committee

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. The Youth Choir will present Christmas music. Staples, canned food, and money will be collected for Christmas Cheer.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the performance of Handel's "Messiah" this afternoon at four o'clock in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. Following the performance, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Young will hold a reception at their home for members of the Elon College Community Church.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Fred Loy and Family upon the death of her husband on December 9.

OTHER: Catherine Fogleman is a patient at Memorial Hospital...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 1977

MATTHEW 11:2-11

A little girl dies at Capernaum, and Jesus stops the dirge of funeral flutes by restoring her life. A woman hemorrhages for twelve years until, one day, she touches Jesus' robe, and the crimson flow is stanched. A paralytic is brought on a bed to Jesus and is set on his feet in the dawn of a new existence. Such deeds define Jesus' Messiahship. He comes, not with "unquenchable fire" but as the mediator of divine mercy. He is not an "axe laid at the root of the trees" but a physician who heals bodies and souls. He brings, not burdensome accusation, but liberation into a new life.

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE HUNGRY?

In 1976, national agencies of the United Church of Christ spent approximately $3.6 million on hunger-related programs and projects. Most of this (89%) was through the ongoing work of the United Church Boards for World and Homeland Ministries. The remainder was spent by other instrumentalities of the church and by the inter-agency World Hunger Working Group on a wide variety of special projects.

The Hunger Action Fund (HAF), which supplements what is done for hunger through Basic Support of Our Christian World Mission and through the all-church and special offerings, allocated grants totaling approximately $70,000 in 1976 and another $40,000 in 1977 to projects in constituency education and mobilization, public policy advocacy, aid and development, and theological and ethical studies. Some of these projects are sponsored by conferences of the United Church of Christ, others by our national agencies.

Whenever you are asked, "What is the United Church of Christ doing in response to human hunger?" you can answer, "Nearly one dollar of every five given to national work of the U.C.C. goes for hunger-related efforts."

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Tommy Powell
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Charles Wilkins
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David Young
Jane Young

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THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM

See, darling child, here be tender grasses! Give them to these lambs that are bleating so mild! How sweet they are! Give to each as he passes! Let them not ask in vain, my gentle child! The ground whereon they rest in sweetest flow'rs we'll smother; See, now, how gaily they play, leaping for joy, while their mother on Thee doth turn her mild and grateful gaze. Oh, blessed be Thou!

THE SHEPHERDS' FAREWELL

Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share, loving father, loving mother, shelter Thee with tender care! Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee with humble love and holy fear, in the land that lies before Thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to Thy heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, Thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your Heav'nly Treasure, The Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

EPILOGUE

So by the hand of strangers and of Gentiles was our Saviour sustained. For ten long years Mary with Joseph there remained, watching the Holy Child, grow in stature and grace, grow in tenderest love, and in wisdom undefiled. When the time was at hand, they three returned to their own land, that our Lord might accomplish His work of salvation, bearing upon the bitter Cross the sins of all creation, that by His death we might live ever more. O my soul, bow down in holy contemplation! Sink all thy sinful pride in lowly adoration! O my soul, bow down in humble awe! O my heart, be thou filled with pure and fervent love! O, my heart, thus may'st thou attain unto heav'nly joys above.

ADULT CHOIR

Soprano

Gertrude Barney
Lois Bost
Betty Fogleman
Donna Holmes
Mary Anne Johnston
Peggy Lackey
Janet Lyons
Ellen B. Williams
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Alto

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Joy Hamilton
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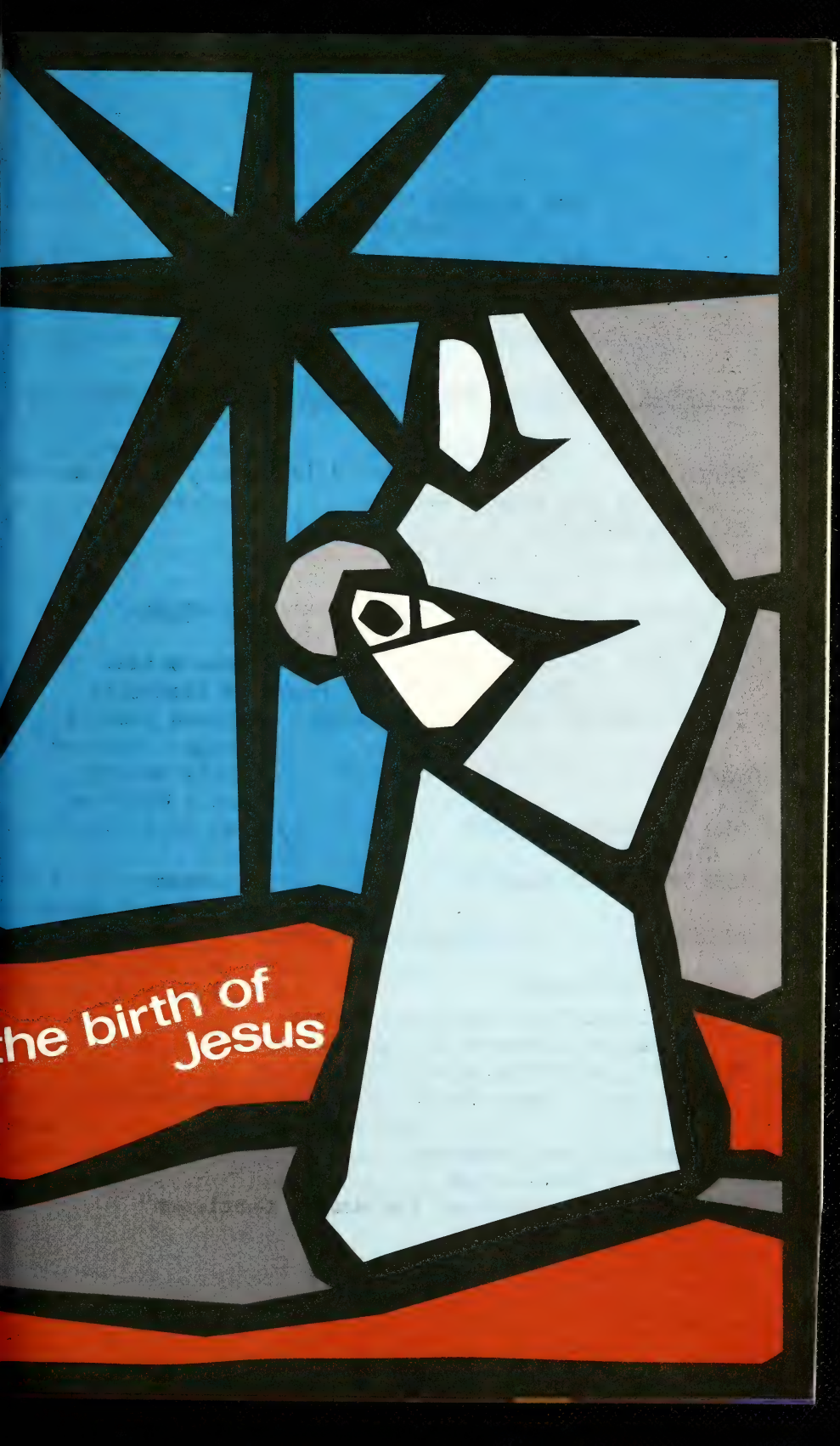
Bass

John Barney
William Ginn
Alfred Hassell
Leslie Johnston
Barry Oxford
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Bruce Piner and Joe Rickman - Trumpets
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Tim Buffington - Tuba
Jerry Johnson - Timpani
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December 18, 1977 Fourth Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Blessed Child is Born Nevins
Lighting the Advent Candles
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Lift up your voice with strength; lift it up and fear not.
People: Say to the cities, "Behold your God".
Pastor: Glory to God in the highest.
People: On earth peace, good will toward all.
Choir: "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CAROL 130 "Joy To The World"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-11, 25-31
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 1:18-25

ANTHEM The Shepherd's Carol Billings

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light Bach
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication
*CAROL 122 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

SERMON What are you getting?

*CAROL 120 "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Earl and Verona Danieley. Greeters of the Day are Mark McAdams and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Watts in memory of her father, Mr. Leon Griswold.

TODAY: 7:00 Moravian Christmas Lovefeast
9:00 Sr. Hi Caroling
9:00 College Students at the parsonage

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Parish House for a Christmas party.

CUB SCOUT PACK 51 holds its monthly meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will begin at 7:30 and will include Carols, Scriptures, and a meditation.

NEXT SUNDAY, we are encouraging church school to be held in the home. Then come at 11:00 for our Christmas Day Service of Worship.

HOSPITALIZED: Lewis Drumm and Walter Smith at Duke, Birdie Crutchfield at County, and Eve Loy at Memorial.

THE MORAVIAN LOVEFEAST this evening is held in cooperation with the Burlington Moravian Fellowship and the First Moravian Church of Greensboro. The Service will be candlelight and will include the traditional buns and coffee. Guests are welcome.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 1977

MATTHEW 1:18-25

Distant mountains appear to dissolve in azure haze. Only when we are nearby do we see the ice and rock. So the Christ. The ancient anticipation and modern recollection of Jesus have often enveloped him in romantic mist. But to those nearby, Jesus brought a different experience. The expectation of his birth endangered the betrothal of Mary to Joseph. His career alienated his family. His teaching scandalized religious leaders. His Messiahship disappointed the disciples. Yet, in the birth of Jesus, God entered our history, to bring humankind a strong, strange, and sure salvation.

RESPOND—WITH EYES WIDE OPEN!

When you see what God has done in the world and learn the good news of God's mercy, the only adequate response is to give yourself to God's purpose. With eyes wide open—that's the way to respond to God!

Paul gives some straight-out advice to those whose eyes have caught the vision:

> You want to preach? Then preach the big vision!
> You want to serve? Then make that your specialty!
> Or teach? Give it all you have!
>
> *Romans 12:6ff*

While all of us are called to witness, pastors are uniquely called to the tasks of preaching, teaching, and serving. Because their eyes have been wide open to the vision, they have helped us to see it also.

Some ministers, who have thus served us in the past and who are now retired, have special needs. The Christmas Fund, received annually by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ, honors all these senior servants of the church and directly helps several hundred who need a special Christmas check. The Christmas Fund also provides year-round help to ministers and their families to meet emergencies beyond their resources.

The Christmas Fund gives us the opportunity to follow Paul's next words of advice: You want to give? Give freely! Be responsible! And finally, if you have sympathy, act cheerfully!



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LET THIS BE KNOWN IN ALL THE EARTH

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Christmas Eve Worship December 24, 197

PRELUDE How Brightly Shines The Morning Star Pachelbe
Lighting the Advent Candles
Choral Introit Silent Night

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God.

People: All things were made by him. In him was life and the life was the light of mankind.

Unison: Let our lights so shine before all that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

*CAROL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE LIGHT REVEALED

A PROPHECY Isaiah 9:6

CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

ANTHEM SOLO The Star Carol A. Bur
(Charles Wilkins, Soloist)

THE LIGHT RECEIVED

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-1

*CAROL 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Long Ago in Bethlehem Mor. Carol

MEDITATION The Miracle

THE LIGHT REFLECTED

*CAROLS 138 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
140 "What Child is This"
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
* The Lord's Prayer
*THE BENEDICTION
* Carol 130 "Joy To The World"

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson by Mrs. W. E. McCardell, Mrs. Charles Russell, and J. O. Atkinson, Jr.

POINSETTIAS are placed in the chancel in memory of:

Fred L. Loy, Sr.
by the Family.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard Hunter
by Dorothy Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

Herman L. Hassell and Worden J. Updyke, Jr.
by Al, Penny, Jane, Jay, and Edrianna.

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December 25, 1977 Christmas Day 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Come, Savior of the Gentiles Bach
Lighting the Advent Candles
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: To experience Christmas is to celebrate within us the birth of peace and joy.
People: These gifts and others wait for us and become known in the birth of God's Son. God sent his only Son that we might experience his love and his life.
Choir: "Adeste Fideles"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CAROLS 117 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"
141 "The First Nowell"
THE PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2-
Hymn 110 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 1)
THE FULFILLMENT Luke 2:1-2

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
ANTHEM SOLO Jesu Bambino Yo
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Christmas Morning Carol Nevi
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON The Prince of Peace

*CAROL 130 "Joy To The World"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response "The Lives of Each Other"
Tune: Greensleeves

The acts of kindness, the signs of care
The laughs together, the thoughts we share,
Those deeper moments that seem so rare,
Are the gifts that we give to each other.
Here, then, we have paused to praise,
The God who's blessed us through all our days;
Touched us in a thousand ways
As He's giv'n us the lives of each other.

We pray for grace that we'll always sense
That our hopes and joys and our confidence,
Have grown through people we know, and hence
Are the gifts that we give to each other.
Praise God, from whom all lives flow--
The lives of persons who've loved us so.
Friends, families and all we know--
We thank Him for giving us each other.

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OTHER: The church office will be closed tomorrow... Articles for The Torch are due Tuesday morning...The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday...Mrs. Eve Loy is a patient at Skilled Nursing Division.

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 1977

LUKE 2:1-14

Luke's Gospel names two Benefactors. One is Caesar Augustus, whose decree sent Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. He forged an empire so rich and vast that Rome hailed him as Savior and some proposed to begin the year on his birthday. Today, the name of Caesar Augustus is a faint echo of antiquity, heard chiefly because of his unwitting role in the birth of Jesus, the world's true Benefactor. This Jesus is the God-sent Savior. He brings such treasure and power to the human spirit and has so transformed the world's life that every year is now *anno Domini*, the year of Christ the Lord.

CHRISTMAS LISTS

What is Christmas without lists? . . . Lists of shopping to be done: food, gifts, supplies; lists of cards to be mailed, and of greetings received; lists of "specials" to watch on television; lists of social events to attend; lists of household chores and decoration duties; lists, lists . . .

How about heading each list: "For Jesus' sake . . ."

Let your personal commitment to Him as your Savior and Lord be reflected in

what you buy—for yourself and for others.
whom you remember with cards and calls—and why.
what you watch on television
which social functions you attend—and what you do.
what emotional atmosphere radiates in your residence.

If your list is truly in keeping with the purpose, "For Jesus's sake," and if you fulfill what you have listed for yourself to do, you will help "all flesh see the salvation of God" that is so dramatically evidenced during the Advent Season.

Reverend David Currie
First Presbyterian Church
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